**God’s Household (1 Tim. 3:14-16)**

Church as…

* Museum?
* Means of charity?
* Moral conscience?
* Meeting place for shared interests?

*According to God, what is church for?*

*(why address this question?)*

Building a purpose statement from 1 Tim. 3:14-16

Purpose flows from identity

♦ “Pillar and foundation of the truth” (v.15)

Pillar & foundation: holding up

The truth (rf. 2:3-6)

What are we lifting up for the world to see?

**1. God’s church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

♦ “God’s household” (v.15)

Family

Why Paul is concerned with godly conduct in God’s household (v.15)

What that looks like:

**2. God’s church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, when they display \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Families can be dysfunctional!

*God’s* household = alive with presence of God, and his grace.

Back to the heart of our faith (v.16)

The entire purpose statement:

**God’s church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, when they display \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**