



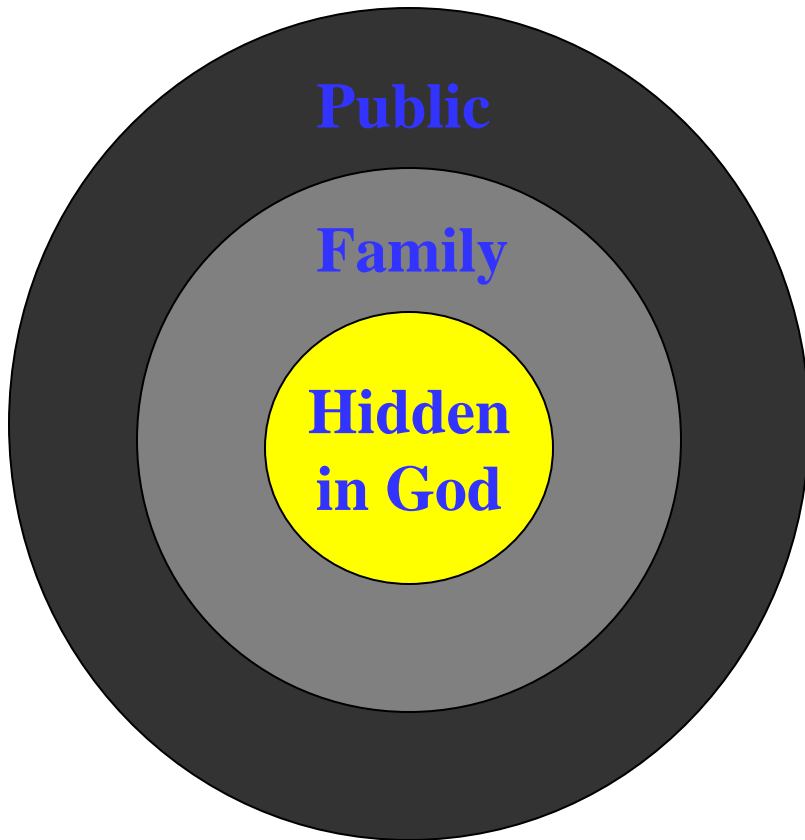
The “Undivided” Family Life

2. Children and Parents

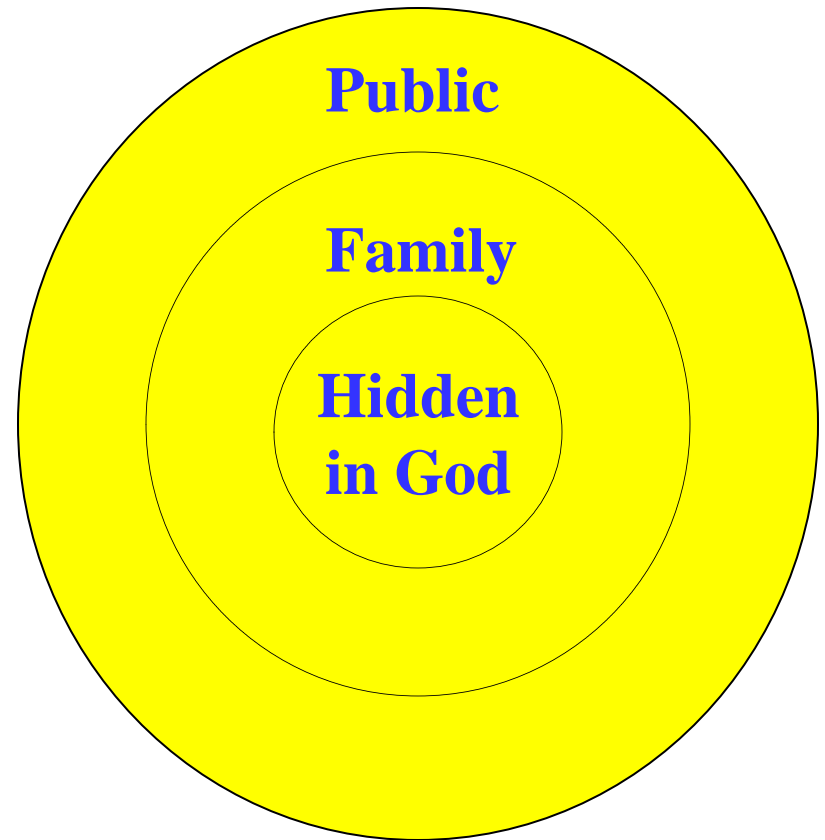
Colossians 3:17-21

3 Areas of the Human Being

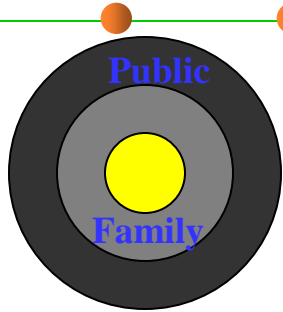
The "Divided" Life



The Christ ("Undivided") Life

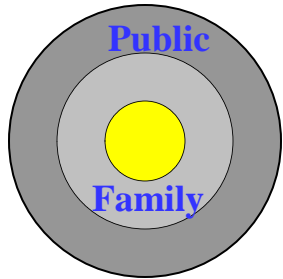


Transformed From The Inside Out



Old Covenant (II Corinthians 3:12-15)

- Modified public life which constantly fades



New Covenant (II Corinthians 3:16-18)

- Transformed from glory to glory



The End (I John 3:1-3)

- We shall be like Jesus!

The “Undivided” Child

- “At your age, children, this is one of the best things you can do to show your love for the Lord” (J.B. Phillips)
- To obey your parents is to obey God
- The first commandment with a promise
- Conflict (universe/earth) began with rebellion
- A perfect example... Jesus was child too!
- Matthew 3:16-17 – Long before Jesus’ public ministry, God was “well-pleased” with Jesus’ family life at home
- Luke 2:51



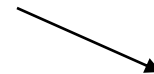
The “Undivided” Father and Mother

Be to your children who God is to you:

- begin by getting to really know your Heavenly Father
- Romans 11:22 – first kindness, then severity
- I John 4:19 – win the hearts of your children
- I Corinthians 11:3 – caring, just as a head is immediately sensitive

The best child-training is a “real” example

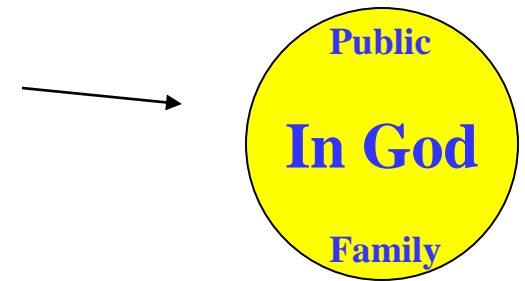
- Amram and Jochebed (Hebrews 11:23-26)
- trust God and don’t live in fear
- choose the riches of the reproach of Christ over the passing pleasures of sin
- submit to your authority (Romans 13:1)
- be humble and quick to apologize
- ***value the important, minimize the unimportant***



Who's the Boss?

To live an “undivided” life in your home is to treat your spouse and your children

- the way you treat others
- the way you would want to be treated (Matthew 7:12)



Only if the peace of Christ is the authority in your heart, will you have true authority in your home! (Colossians 3:16)