



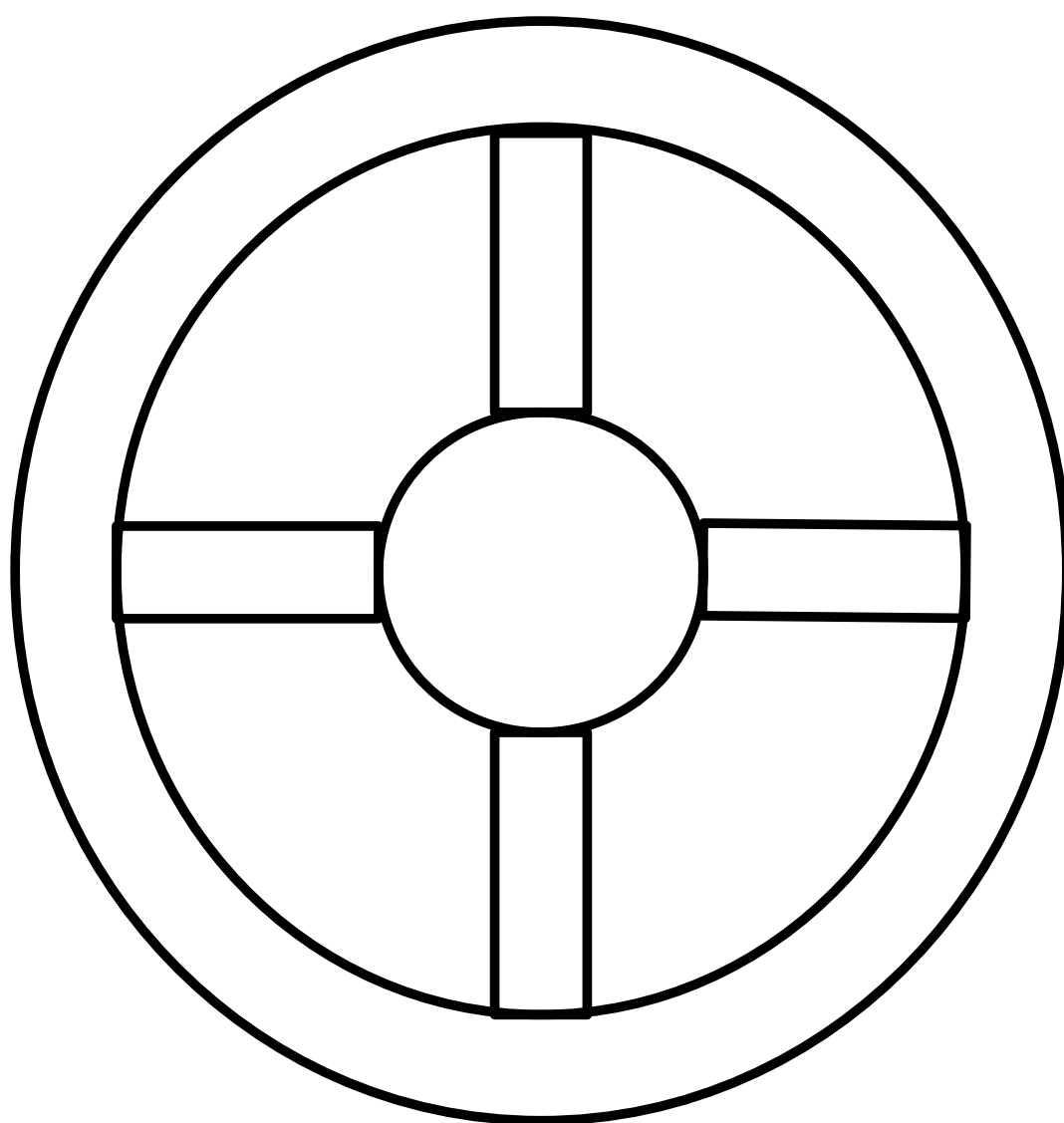
Being The Church At Home:

A Guide to Becoming The Minister In Your Home



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All of Life Is Relationship

The Beauty of Relationship In God

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

All of Salvation History is based upon the Will of God to repair the brokenness in humans and to restore the broken relationships.

The Power of Presence in Your Life

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Matthew 22:36-40 (NLT)

³⁶ *“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”*

³⁷ Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

⁴⁰ *The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."*

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Proverbs 22:6 instructs us saying, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

We know that children are here for two primary reasons:

- The continuation of the species. “Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the Earth.”
- To empower the family while empowering the child to become an adult. In the fullest sense, we are participating in the wonder of creation through “procreation,” meaning “for creation” Children were meant as a blessing to the family.

Can you grow palm trees in the upper peninsula of Michigan?

The upper peninsula of Michigan is one of the nation’s coldest and snowiest regions. Snow can last from October to May and experience accumulations of between 150 and 300 inches each year.

How do you grow a thing in a naturally occurring environment that is Hostile?

Who do you want your child(ren) to become?

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How Do We Help Our Children Grow In Faith?

- Make time, at least three times a week to share with your child how God has been faithful to you and the family.
- God Provides Strength To Earn A Living.
- God gives us the power to learn new things.
- God Provides Opportunities To Enjoy Life Together With Family.

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How Do We Help Our Children Grow In Faith?

- God gives Us Comfort In His Word When We Are Struggling Through Something
- Teach children gospel/Faith songs that speak about Faith and God's love for them. Make time regularly to sing the songs with them. A great time is to sing to your young child as they are lying down to go to sleep.
- Don't make the mistake of teaching that Faith makes us invulnerable and invincible. **Teach that Faith helps us bounce back, it makes us resilient. Faith helps us recover when we fall or when we fail. Faith helps us get back up after setbacks.** We believe that we can overcome and become better.

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Becoming the Minister in our home will only happen as we learn and practice the things we learn that help us become better.

You will have difficulty sharing these truths with your child if you don't practice them. How difficult would it be to teach your child how to ride a bicycle if you have never learned to ride one for yourself.

Memorable Songs For Youth

- *Jesus Loves Me, this I know*
- *Our God Is Awesome*
- *The Lord's Prayer*
- *This Little Light of Mine*
- *There's Not A Friend Like Jesus*
- *There is Power, Power Wonder Working Power*
- *Jesus Loves The Little Children*
- *I Got Joy, Joy, Joy Joy Down In My Heart*
- *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*
- *Count Your Blessings*
- *Oh How I Love Jesus*
- *I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*
- *Oh Happy Day*

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Praying as a Family and Teaching our Children How To Pray!

Praying is an act of FAITH!

When we pray, we are speaking to God expecting that the Father **can and will** answer our prayer. It is similar to your child asking you for something to eat or drink. He or she came to you and told you about a need or want believing that you have the power and the willingness to give them what they are asking.

Prayer is an essential part of Relationship

There is a level of trust that must exist between the person praying and the God prayed to. This trust is an expression of relationship.

My Gratitude Grid: I'm Thankful For:

Family	Friends	My Pastor	My Home
Salvation			

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Create A Gratitude & A Concerns Grid

Your grids help you identify the things that are real in your life. They get the concerns out of your head where they tend to seem bigger than life and on to a piece of paper. Help your child build their prayers around the Gratitude and Concerns Grid by adding the most important things to their prayers each night.

Teach Me To Pray

Dear God, My Father, Thank you for Gratitude Grid Items, and please help me with My Concerns Items. I Love you Lord for Loving Me and hearing my prayer in Jesus' name. Amen!

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Using God's Word To Teach & Model Values In Your Home!

Take a moment and think about what the Holy Spirit does for believers. The Spirit teaches and reminds us of what Jesus told us.

If we have not read, meditated and studied the Word of God, we can not hope to be reminded of it in moments when we most need its power. To enjoy the power of the Holy Spirit we must read, meditate and study the Scriptures. We have no other option for knowing the mind of God. Listen the The Bible's witness and instruction about this matter for children.

“Train up a child in the way he should go and when they are old, they shall not depart from it.”

⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16&17 (NLT)

We are preparing our children for the first 18-24 years of their lives for the next 50 to 70 years of life. If we fail to equip our children with the Word of God, we are leaving them defenseless in a world that is hostile to them and their existence.

Practical Wisdom From The Proverbs

Chapter 13:4 Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.

13:16 Wise people think before they act; fools don't—and even brag about their foolishness.

Chapter 12:24 Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave.

Chapter 14:4 Without oxen a stable stays clean, but you need a strong ox for a large harvest

Chapter 18:15 & 16 Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are

open for knowledge.**16** Giving a gift can open doors; it gives access to important people!

Chapter 16:24 Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.

Chapter 3:4 Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.

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Licensed to Ministry at age 15 under Rev. H. Donald Cockerham @ Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Louisville, KY. He served seven years as pastor of The Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church, of Louisville, The Dean of Simmons Bible College, (Now Simmons College of Kentucky) and in various ministry leadership positions in churches across Kentucky and Ohio and continues to serve churches as a trusted adviser. He serves non-profits and for-profit businesses as an organizational development consultant, and a professional keynote speaker.

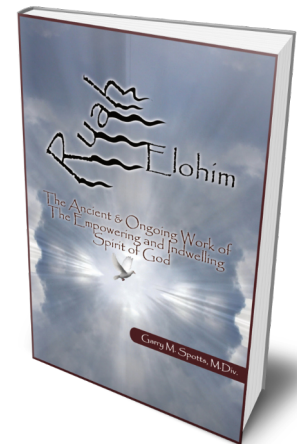
He is the newly elected Editor of the American Baptist News, the oldest, continuously published African American owned periodical in the United States serving 500 historically Black churches in Kentucky since 1879.

Married to his college sweetheart, Annette, they are proud parents of three adult children. He and Annette are the delighted grandparents of three remarkable grandchildren with one more on the way. Garry is grateful for the life God has given them. He enjoys it with all its struggles and blessings and credits it all to God's Graciousness, Christ's sacrifice, the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit, the love of his 93 year old mother and siblings and their large, close-knit family.

Books By Garry M. Spotts, M.Div.,

The author of 6 books, Garry has penned three children's books, two collections of original poetry and the first book in a series of Christian Discipleship Books entitled,

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