



One – Household dynamics

Ephesians 5:21-6:9

Review:

- We often struggle with understanding this passage due to our bias. We need to interpret this passage in light of the broader context of Ephesians, which is about oneness in Christ.
- The pivotal verse linking this section with the previous sections in this book is verse 21 – Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- When Paul speaks of headship in chapter 5, he is not necessarily outlining an org chart for the family. Rather is he speaking about unity in relationships.

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²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father

and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” ⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. ⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. ⁹ And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

**Marriage is a _____ of the kind of relationship
God wants with all people**

Family and household dynamics

- Children are to _____ and _____ their parents
- Parents are to avoid needlessly _____ their children and instead, teach them the ways of the Lord

How do we tick off our kids?

- When we show _____
- When we push them too hard to _____
- When we point out what they are doing _____ more than what they are doing _____
- When we don't take an _____ in them causing them to feel unwanted
- When we use love as a _____ and withhold love as a _____
- When we are physically, verbally or emotionally _____.

Intentional Spiritual Development in the Family

Slaves and Masters

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ