BE THE CHURCH

Ephesians



Principle

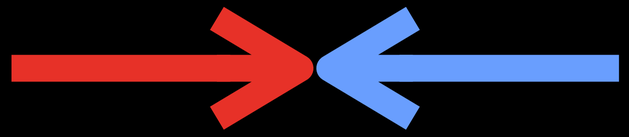
Believers must critically assess influences on their understanding because understanding informs their posture of relating. Unwise influences lead to a *taking posture* while embracing wise influences (Godly wisdom) leads to a Spirit-filled *giving posture*.

Genesis 3:16

16 Your desire shall be
for your husband, and
he shall rule over you.”

CURSE

independence
autonomy



Ephesians 5:22-24

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BLESSING

sacrificial love
submission

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Ephesians 5:15-21

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise…
do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is…
And do not get drunk with wine…but be filled with the Spirit…
21 ***submitting to one another*** *out of reverence for Christ.*

“In Jesus” Realities

- We have been profoundly blessed
- We have been saved by grace
- We have been united into a diverse family - the Church *(ekklesia)*

“In Jesus” Responses

- We should think-walk “worthy” of who we collectively are
- We should serve each other
- We should be equipped to speak the truth into each other’s lives
- We should embrace this Godly input and reject ungodly input
- We should ***submit*** ourselves to the good of others over self

Submit | ὑποτασσόμενοι

“To consciously commit from the heart to speak and interact with someone in ways that would most benefit them over yourself.”

Syn. sacrifical love

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Ephesians 4:13

…until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

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1 Peter 3:1-4

"1 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external…4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

Principle

For the family of God to walk worthy together, wives must willingly embrace the blessed life that God has for them. They will thrive as they sacrifice personal gain and seek to build up their husbands in the role God has given them.

Next Week

Ephesians 5:25-33