

Ephesians 5 Pt 2 and 6 Pt 1

Vertical

- 1-3 Sit. **4-5 Walk.** 6 Stand

Walk in Love. Walk in Light. Walk in Wisdom. Don't walk in the Flesh...

Ephesians 5:20 ...[Instead give] thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another **in the fear of God.**

The Fear of God is the Beginning of Wisdom
Fear of God is Demonstrated by Obedience to the Word of God

We Humbly Bow Before the Word of God as we Seek the Wisdom of God

IV. Marriage Christ and the Church

2 Peter 3:15b ...our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some **things hard to understand**, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, **as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.** [Many will say Lord, Lord]

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, **as to the Lord.** 23 For the **husband is head of the wife**, as also **Christ is head of the church**; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, **just as the church is subject to Christ**, so let the **wives be to their own husbands in everything.**

Genesis 2:18 [God to Adam] It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper **comparable to him.**

God Established Marriage and Authority Structure within Marriage

- That man would not be alone.
- Picture of Jesus love for His Bride

As the Church submits to Jesus...Wives submit to Husbands
IOWs Respect your husbands God-given authority to lead. Why?

1 Timothy 2:12 ...I do not permit a woman to teach **or to have authority over a man**, but to be in silence [with re. to teaching over men]. 13 For **Adam was formed first, then Eve.** 14 And **Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived**, fell into transgression.

- **Man:** Created first in order
- **Women:** More spiritually sensitive thus more easily deceived

Wives Respect. Husbands Love
Q. Why is this so difficult? **A.** Result of the Fall...

Genesis 3:16 [God to Eve]...Your desire shall be **for your husband**, And **he shall rule over you.**

Paraphrase: Wives you will seek to usurp your husbands God given authority and in turn husbands will respond harshly. Disrespectful wives. Unloving husbands.

God can Redeem our marriages by our obedience to the Word of God
As Wives Respect/Husbands Love

1 Peter 3:1 Wives...**be submissive to your own husbands**, that **even if some do not obey the word**, they, without a word, **may be won by the conduct of their wives**, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear [**Q.** Fear of who? **A.** God] . 3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— 4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this manner, in former times, the **holy women who trusted in God** also adorned themselves, **being submissive to their own husbands**, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, **calling him lord**, whose daughters you are if you **do good** and are **not afraid with any terror**.

Godly women do not fear submitting to their husbands *because they* **fear God more**
Thus they obey God knowing God will deal with their husbands **as they submit**

- **When we obey God** we have nothing to fear. God is with us...

Psalms 34:7 The angel of the Lord encamps all **around those who fear Him...**

- Submitting in all things does not include sin

Colossians 3:18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, **as is fitting in the Lord**.

- Spirit filled women desire to be led. Built into God's design
- Disrespect of husbands is disrespect of God/His order of Authority... Satan's agenda not God's...

Titus 2:4 ... young women [are] to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, **obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God [re. His authority structure] may not be blasphemed**.

- **Submit: Military term.** We are in a war. We win when things are in order. Chaos is defeat

Proverbs 21:9 Better to **dwelt in a corner of a housetop**, Than in a house shared with a **contentious woman**. A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Why we are not to be unequally yoked.

Authority *does not mean* Inequality

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands...**dwelt with [your wives] with understanding**, giving **honor** to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as **being heirs together of the grace of life**, that your **prayers may not be hindered**.

Together Created in God's Image

Genesis 1:27 ...God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female He created them**

- **Triune God:** Spirit submits to Jesus, Jesus Submits to the Father

A woman who radically respects her husband is wise because wisdom begins with the fear of the Lord which is displayed by obedience to the Word of God and letting the chips fall where they may as you trust in God. You may be surprised. [NJC]

Proverbs 19:14b ...a prudent wife is from the Lord.

Proverbs 12:4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.

Treat your husband as the husband you want him to be [Sarah/Abe]

▪ **Marriage Counseling 101**

1. Wives Respect
2. Husbands Love

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her...

- **Wives Submit** to husbands **just as** the Church submits to Christ
- **Husbands Love** your wives **just as** Christ loved the church. Totally consumed

Jesus gave Himself for us
A Sweet-Smelling Aroma to the Father for us His Bride

26 ...that He might sanctify [set her apart] and cleanse her with the **washing of water** by the word, **27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.**

- **Jesus set us apart:** Watered us w/His Word/We blossomed...

Husbands: Awesome responsibility to lead/Ability to make your bride blossom
Treat your wives as the wives you want them to be...and they will grow

- Jesus treats us His Bride as He desires us to be...not giving us what we deserve

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. **29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.**

- Love your wife **as you love yourself.** Love others as yourself. Start with your wife
- Love your wife **as Jesus loves you...**

Ephesians 5:1 ...be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And **walk in love,** as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a **sweet-smelling aroma.**

Love your wife as yourself and as Jesus loved you. Jesus kind of Love is to die
If not, you are doing a disservice to your wife and yourself

- **Nourish:** Bring to Maturity
- **Cherish:** Warm. Keep warm. Foster w/tender care as Jesus does for us...

Proverbs 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord.

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

30 For we [Men/Woman] are members of **His body**, of **His flesh** and of **His bones**. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become **one flesh**." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

When a husband loves his wife as Christ loves the Church he becomes a participant in the great mystery of two becoming one; The intimacy of husband and wife becoming one reflecting the intimacy of Christ and His bride becoming One eternally. [NJC]

33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so **love his own wife as himself**, and **let the wife see that she respects her husband**.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, **one will lift up his companion**. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. 11 Again, **if two lie down together**, they will **keep warm**; But how can one be warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And **a threefold cord is not quickly broken**.

- **Husband/Wife** moving together upward toward **Jesus**

Ephesians 6 Pt 1

Vertical

Psalms 127 Solomon. 1 **Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it. ...3** Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

I. Children and Parents

1 **Children, obey your parents in the Lord**, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

- **Obey Parents in the Lord:** Not outside the Word of God. **Why obey?**

1. It's right

Colossians 3:20 Children, **obey** your parents in **all things**, for this is **well pleasing to the Lord**.

2. It's a command
3. **It comes with a promise...**

3 "that it may **be well** with you and you may **live long** on the earth."

Disobedience and later dishonoring of parents may lead to a short miserable life

The effect of bitterness on serotonin levels generates an increase of anger, emotional pain, anxiety, and depression. The long-term effects of these triggers are known to many of us.

Stress hormones increase our heart rate, blood pressure, arterial tension, blood glucose levels and thyroid function. [AJC.com Oct 8, 2020] [Effect of all sin NJC]

Doing things God's way is always the Best Way: Obey and Honor Parents

4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Kids today have it hard enough
Don't use your kids as punching bags/easy targets

- **Provoke:** par-org-id'-zo lit. To rouse to wrath, exasperate, anger

Colossians 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Psalms 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. 5 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Proverbs 17:6 [Grandkids] Children's children are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father.

Bring them up in the Training and Admonition of the Lord

3 John 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

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

Proverbs 29:17 Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

Choosing not to discipline a child is **not love** but **self-love**
Speak the Truth in Love. Discipline in Truth and Love [or wait]

- Training and Admonition in the Lord

Deuteronomy 11:19 ... teach [the Word] to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...

- Father/Mother both teaching

Proverbs 1:8 My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; 9 For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

- See children for who God will make them...eyes of faith

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Mark 9:36 [Jesus] ...took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had **taken him in His arms**, He said to them, 37 "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

Fathers...Teach/Protect/Provide...

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

II. Employees and Employers

5 Bondservants, **be obedient** to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in **sincerity** of heart, **as to Christ**; 6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as **bondservants of Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that **whatever good** anyone does, he will **receive the same** from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.

1 Peter 2:18 Servants, be **submissive to your masters with all fear**, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. [C.f. 1 Pet. 3 submissive with all fear..of God. Whatever good he/she will receive the same FROM THE LORD]

Colossians 3:22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, **not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.**

1 Timothy 6:1 [Count] **...masters worthy of all honor**, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.

Titus 2:9 Exhort bondservants to be **obedient** to their own masters, to be **well pleasing** in all things, **not answering back...**

He who obeys their boss as unto God will receive the same from the Lord

Romans 2:6 [God] ... "will **render to each one according to his deeds**":

9 And you, masters [Employers], **do the same things to them**, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Colossians 4:1 Masters, give your bondservants what is **just and fair**, knowing that you also have a **Master in heaven.**

Romans 2:11 For there is no **partiality with God.**

Wise Saints Submit in Obedience to the Word of God...in the Fear of God

1. **Wives** submit to your husbands by respecting them in Fear of the Lord
2. **Husbands** submit to Christ by loving your wives as Christ loves you in Fear of the Lord
3. **Children** submit to your parents by obeying/honoring them in the Fear of the Lord
4. **Employees** submit to your Employers doing your job as unto Christ in Fear of the Lord
5. **Employers** submit to God treating employees as you would desire in Fear of the Lord

Q. Do you consider yourself wise? How do I know?

A. If I am Fearing the Lord by Obeying the Lord I am Walking in Wisdom

The Fear of God is the Beginning of Wisdom
Fear of God is evidenced by Obedience to the Word of God

The Church of Philadelphia is a Church filled with Strong Marriages/Families
Each individual dying to self that we might live unto God and for others