
It is not our intention in our message today to address every alternative viewpoint, answer every argument or discuss every disagreement with the content of our passage. It is our intention to show the simplicity, depth and beauty of God's instructions in His Word for the family following Jesus.

“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock.”

JESUS IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

THE HOUSEHOLD BUILT ON BEDROCK

Week 8:
Ephesians 5:21-6:9

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- In the Greco-Roman household there were:
 - Wives and Husbands
 - Children and Parents
 - Slaves and Masters

DO YOU SEE BEAUTY?

Mutual Submission (Vv. 5:21, 6:9) starts and ends the section about the household. It flows out of reverence for and recognition of Jesus Christ as our Master. Humility and Submission are beautiful Christian values of for us all and set us apart.

- He was equal with God yet humbled Himself to death on a cross... came to serve not to be served... humble yourselves and God will exalt you... walk in (agape) love... let each esteem others better than himself...

HOUSEHOLD WORKERS

Mutual Submission regarding work in the home 6:5-9

1. To those who work for a homeowner— follow directions... serve them as you would serve Christ... seek to do great work (pleasing)... trust the Lord for your reward.
2. To the homeowner— the true Master of the house is Jesus Christ and you are His manager... treat those who work for you as you would treat Jesus of Nazareth the Anointed Messiah, the Son of God.

PARENTING

Mutual Submission regarding raising kids 6:1-4

1. To minor children in the home— follow directions from your parents... A) Jesus made you, B) this is right, and C) there is a reward on earth.
2. To Fathers (Parents need a common vision)— Stop any and all methods which lead children to be angry and resentful... parenting must be of the Spirit and by God's methods... loving spiritual guidance will lead them to Jesus.

The **HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT** leaflet “How To Ruin Your Children.”

PRINCIPLE #1—“Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants.”

PRINCIPLE #2—“When he picks up bad words, laugh at him.”

PRINCIPLE #3—“Never give him any spiritual training. Let him wait until he’s twenty-one years old, and then let him decide for himself.”

PRINCIPLE #4—“Avoid using the word ‘wrong.’ It may develop a serious guilt complex.”

PRINCIPLE #5—“Pick up everything he leaves lying around, so he will be experienced in throwing responsibility on everybody else.”

MARRIAGE

Mutual Submission displayed by husband and wife in marriage 5:22-33

1. To wives— be subject to the Lord Jesus
2. To husbands— be subject to the Lord Jesus

There is more in our passage, but unless “I believe God leads me to the experience of greatest blessing and fulfillment in my marriage through obedience to His Word” I will never find it.

“Ultimately, you practice love or respect because beyond your spouse you see Jesus Christ and you envision a moment when you will be standing before Him at the final judgment, realizing that your marriage was really a tool and a test to deepen and demonstrate your love and your reverence for your Lord.”

EMERSON EGGERICHS

Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires;
The Respect He Desperately Needs

There is no more definitive statement of God's ideal for marriage than Ephesians 5:32. When believing husbands and believing wives walk in the power of the Spirit, subject themselves to Christ in holy fear, yield to His Word and His control, and are mutually submissive, blessing is the result.