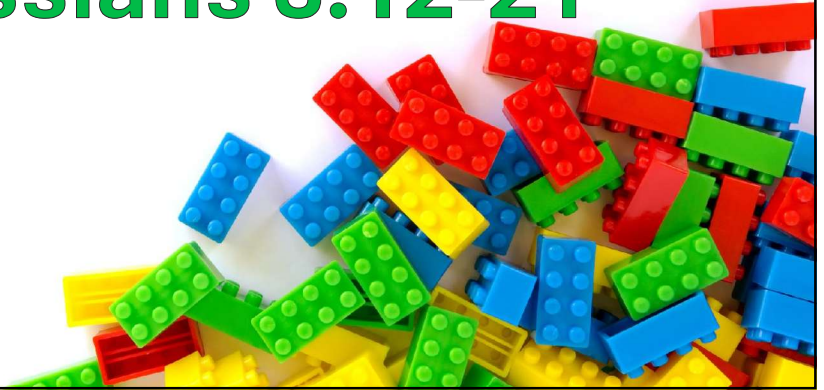


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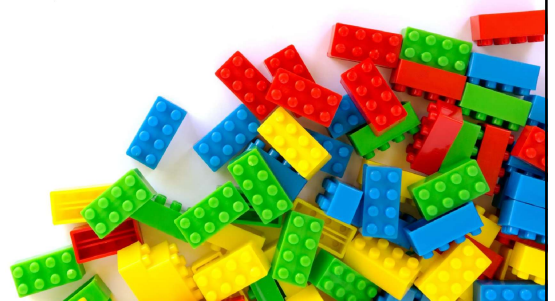
FAMILY

Colossians 3:12-21



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Much Of Our Relationship With God Is Modeled
Through Our Earthly Relationships,
Especially Our Families.



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Colossians 3:12–21

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Colossians 3:12–21

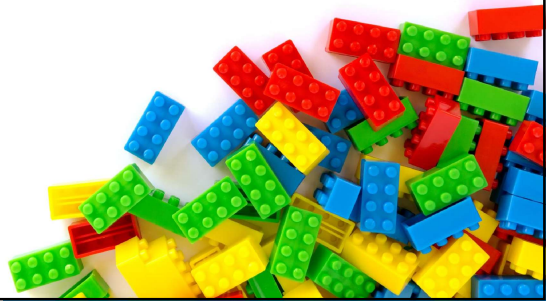
Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

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DESIRE – vs. 12-14

Choose And Chosen

- Following God is a choose
 - Daily sacrifice – Luke 9:23; Romans 12:1,2
 - Worth following God's plan - Ephesians 2:10
- For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

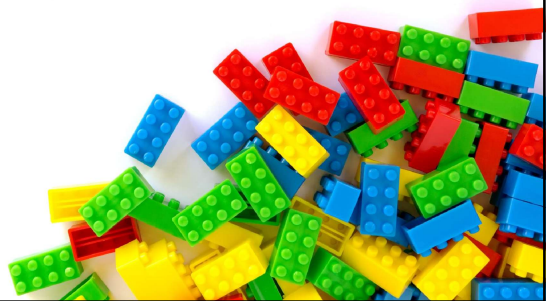


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DESIRE – vs. 12-14

Choose And Chosen

- Following God is a choose
- God has chosen you
 - God initiates the plan
 - To be holy and beloved



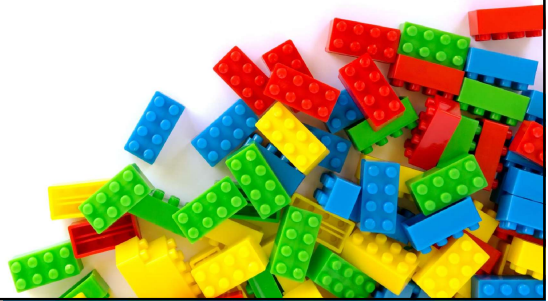
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DESIRE — vs. 12-14

Choose And Chosen

God's Character On Display

- Compassionate hearts
 - Realizing each person is uniquely created and loved by God
 - Allowing God to work without judgment
 - As Christ demonstrated



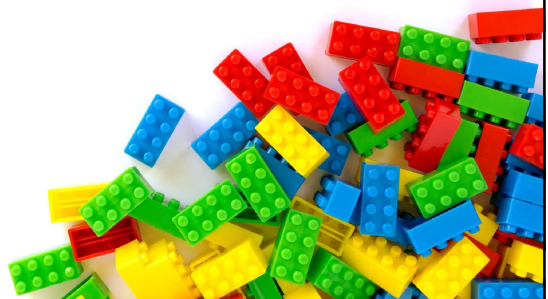
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DESIRE — vs. 12-14

Choose And Chosen

God's Character On Display

- Compassionate hearts
- Kindness
 - Gentleness
 - Be nice to each other



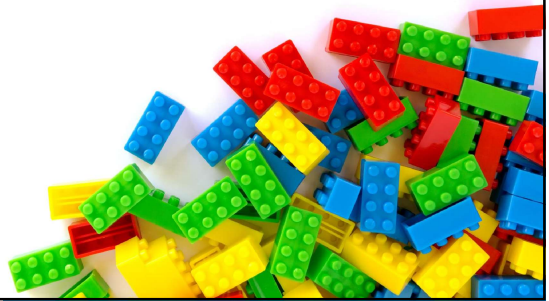
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DESIRE — vs. 12-14

Choose And Chosen

God's Character On Display

- Compassionate hearts
- Kindness
- Humility
 - Putting the interest of others ahead of your own
 - Humility before God



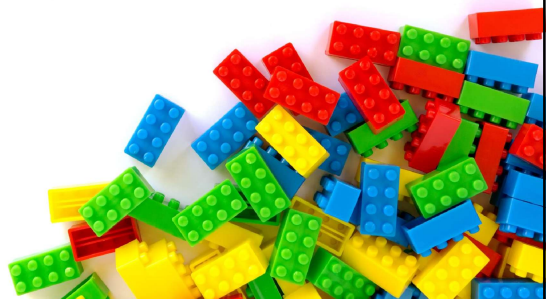
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Choose And Chosen

God's Character On Display

- Compassionate hearts
- Kindness
- Humility
- Meekness
 - Strength to surrender to God
 - Submitting God's will and ways



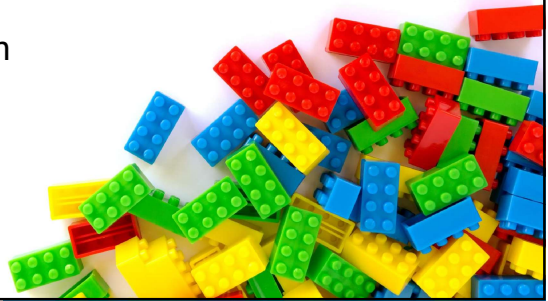
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Choose And Chosen

God's Character On Display

- Compassionate hearts
- Kindness
- Humility
- Meekness
- Patience
 - Waiting on God's plan
 - Waiting for submission to God's plan



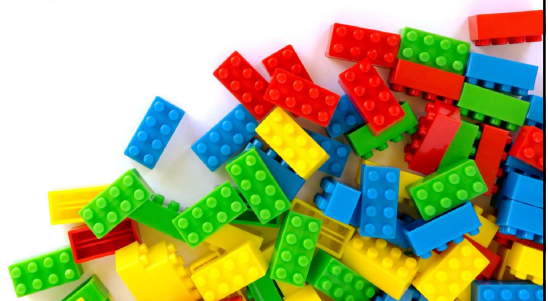
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Choose And Chosen

God's Character On Display

- Compassionate hearts
- Kindness
- Humility
- Meekness
- Patience
- Demonstrates the Holy Spirit

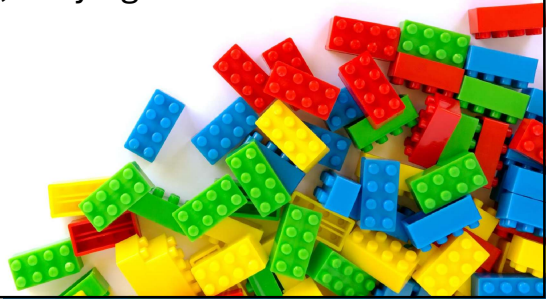


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GALATIANS 5:22–26

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.



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DESIRE — vs. 12-14

Choose And Chosen
God's Character On Display
When Conflict Arises

- Bearing with one another – Galatians 6:1–5
Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.



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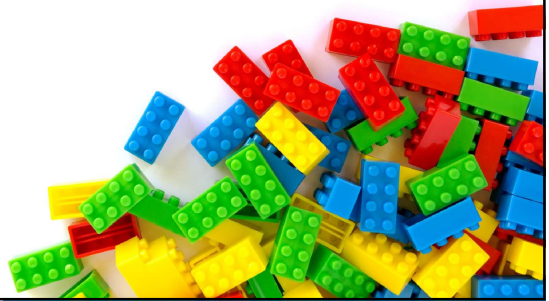
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Choose And Chosen

God's Character On Display

When Conflict Arises

- Bearing with one another – Galatians 6:1–5
- When conflicts arise, do as Christ does
 - Christ forgives without conditions
 - We must forgive as Christ forgives



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DESIRE – vs. 12-14

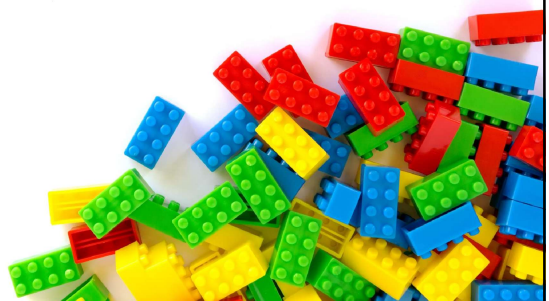
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God's Character On Display

When Conflict Arises

Love Is Most Important

- God's love
- Binds everything together
- Perfect harmony – sync- with God

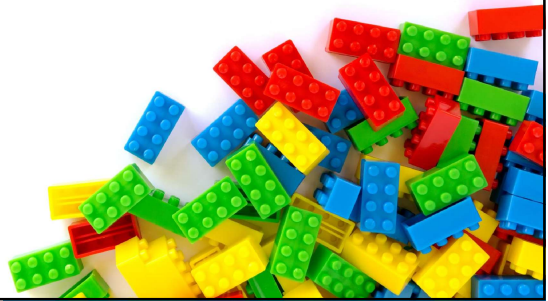


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DESIGN – vs. 15-17

Peace In Conflict Is Possible

- Presence of God
- Conflicts continues as a result of the fallen sinful nature
- God provides guidance and wisdom... when sought
- Christ's peace rule over conflicts



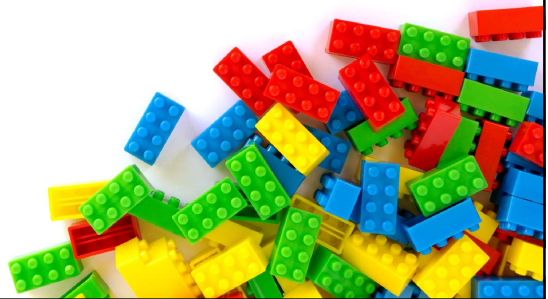
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DESIGN – vs. 15-17

Peace In Conflict Is Possible

God's Design Is Unique Unity

- The church is the body of Christ
- Thankfulness in all that God provides
- The Word of Christ is essential
 - Dwell – abiding... knowing and applying – John 15:4,5
 - Teach and admonish – explanation and demonstration
 - Wisdom is given by God – James 1:5
 - Worship and praise God



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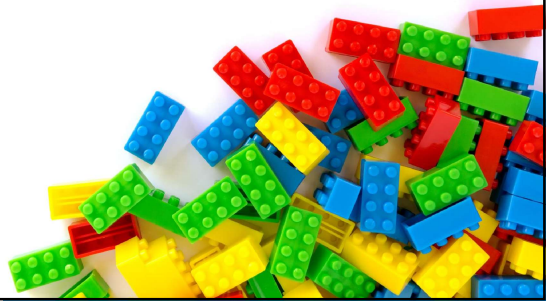
DESIGN — vs. 15-17

Peace In Conflict Is Possible

God's Design Is Unique Unity

Reflective Image Of Christ

- Absolutely not possible without God's presence
- Actions reflect character
- Character demonstrates our heart and intentions
- Live a life that reflects Christ to the world in deeds and words



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DEMONSTRATION — vs. 18 - 21

Wives

- Submission to the Godly leadership in the home
- Christ submission of His will to the Father's will
- Order in the home is a reflection of order in the church

Ephesians 5:22-24

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.



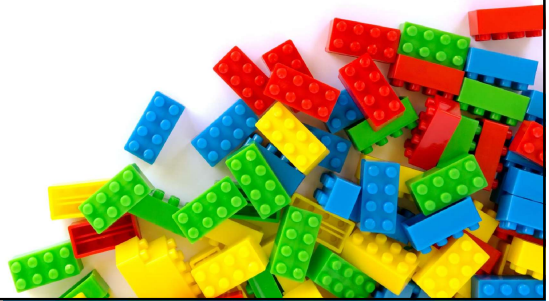
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DEMONSTRATION – vs. 18 - 21

Wives

Husbands

- Love your wife as Christ loves the church – Ephesians 5:25–33



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EPHESIANS 5:25–33

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

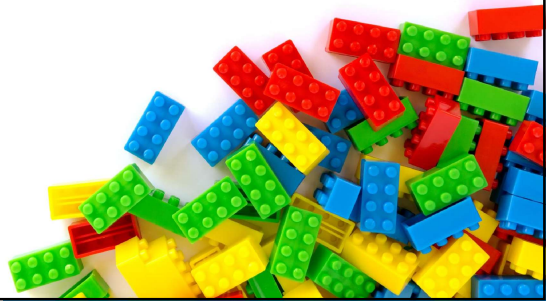
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DEMONSTRATION – vs. 18 - 21

Wives

Husbands

- Love your wife as Christ loves the church – Ephesians 5:25–33
- Demonstration sacrificial love
- To fulfill God's plan
- Outward display of self respect as God's creation
- Start of new family seeking after God



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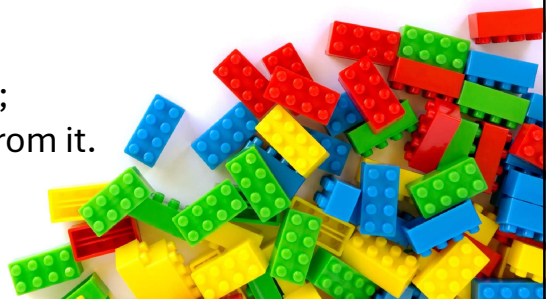
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Husbands

Children

- Obey parents
- Parents demonstrates obedience
 - Personal relationship with God
 - Marriage relationship
- Obedience is contrary to sinful nature
- Raising up children - Proverbs 22:6
Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.



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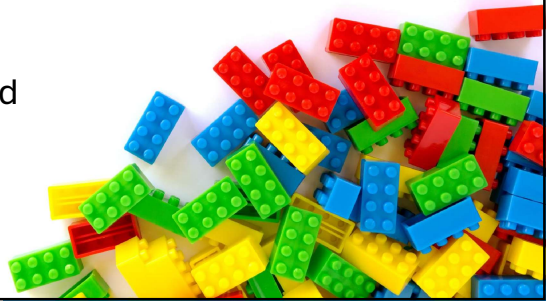
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- Raising up children - Proverbs 22:6
- Obedience to parents is pleasing to God
- Honor your parents – Ephesians 6:2-3
 - Demonstration of Christ love
 - Ultimately reflection of Christ and obedience to Him



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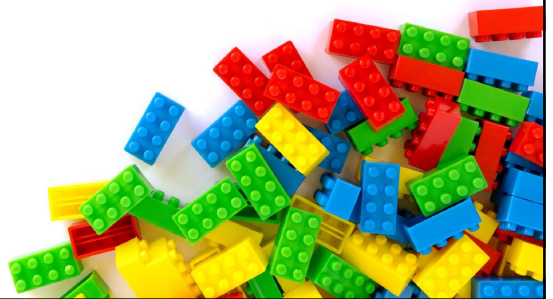
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Fathers

- Lead to Christ
- Demonstrate Christ



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DOES YOUR PERSONAL LIFE REFLECT CHRIST?
DOES YOUR HOMELIFE DEMONSTRATE CHRIST?
DOES THE CHURCH ACCURATELY REPRESENT CHRIST?

