

## **Scripture:**

Colossians 3:18-21

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.

## **Notes:**

Because our relationship with God changed through Christ, our relationships at home should also change.

### Wives Submit

- Submit to your husbands
- As fitting in the Lord
- Submit because he's the designated head
- The best thing you can do for your kids is to submit to and respect your husband.

“The fact that a wife wants to honor her husband's leadership if possible does not mean she will sit in mute silence. Questioning his reasoning or acquainting him with his error is not evidence of a rebellious spirit, but rather of love. Refusing to support his moral folly is not sin. A Christian wife can stand with Christ against her husband with a humble, loving spirit which indicates her longing to honor his headship. The attitude is, of course, key.” —Kent Hughes

Ladies, when you submit to your husbands, you are a visible display of Christ's submission to the Father and a picture of how the church is to surrender to Christ, our Head.

### Husbands Love

- Love your wives
- Consider Christ
- Do not be harsh
- The best thing you can do for your kids is to love your wife.

“Biblical headship is the conscientious and loving use of the authority God grants a husband to ensure that all in his home honor God and experience His blessings.” —Bryan Chapell

Men, when you love your wives, you are a visible display of Christ's sacrificial love for His church (the Bride) and His pursuit in wooing us to Him.

### Children Obey

- Obey your parents
- In everything
- Pleases the Lord and brings a blessing
- The best thing you can do for your friends is to obey your parents.

Kids, when you obey your parents, you are a visible display of how the church is to obey God's Word and rule in our lives

Fathers (parents) DON'T provoke

- Do NOT provoke
- Become discouraged
- Bring them up in discipline and instruction

Parents, when you lead appropriately, you point to Jesus' example of lovingly shepherding His sheep.

FAMILY, when our goal is to be a Christ-centered home, we are a visible display of the changes God makes in the hearts of broken people. Being a Christ-centered home runs counter to the culture we live in and provides a healthy example for the world to see. Christ-centered homes

THIS WEEK

1. Remember the other — none of these relationships is about you, they are about the other.
2. Marriage is a partnership — husbands and wives are designed to complement one another, complete one another.
3. Parent for the sake of Christ — point your kids to Jesus through discipline and teaching.

What is one way you can improve the way you treat each member in your family?