This Is Only A 7 Minute Read — Please Give Jesus 7 Minutes Today?



Ephesians 5:20-33 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (22) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. (24) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing. (25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blem-ish. (28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. (29) For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: (30) For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. (31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (32) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (33) Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence *her* husband.

Ephesians 6:1-5 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. (2) Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) (3) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. (4) And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (5) **Servants, be obedient to them that are** *your* **masters** according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

For people to get along together, we must have some kind of order. Sometimes, when things go wrong, we are troubled but we do not understand why. We know that there is something missing, but we can't quite put our finger on it. Most of the time, the problem can be traced back to our lack of compliance to God's Word. It is God, who designed and built us. He knows what it takes for us to be happy. A great deal of the time, it is just a simple matter of us abiding in the role that God has for us. It is an ugly and awkward thing when we see men trying to play the role that is assigned to women. It is equally ugly and awkward when we see women trying to be a man or do things that are mainly assigned to men.

In our study scripture, which is a large selection for this one page study, there is a heavenly order, which is set forth, that is not a suggestion, but a mandate <u>for Christian marriages</u>. The order of authority that God shows us here is (1) Jesus, (2) Husbands, (3) Wives, (4) Children, and (5) Servants.

The Christian marriage is supposed to demonstrate the relationship between Jesus and His Church. Jesus loved the Church and laid down His life for the Church. This is the role of the husband toward the wife. Jesus loves the Church, this is also the role of the husband toward the wife. — The Church is to be subject to Christ and so is the Wife to be subject to the Husband. Jesus does not hate the Church, Husbands are not to hate their wives. The Church is to love and obey Jesus, so is the wife to love and obey her husband. Children are to love and obey their parents, just as new converts are to love and be obedient to Jesus and the church. We, who are not only sons and daughters of God but also servants of the most high God, are to do our works, not to be seen of men, but of God.

When those, who are outside of our relationship with Jesus, look upon a Christian Family, they should see a fully functional, and loving family. This demonstrated by the husband (Jesus), the wife (the Church), the children (those born in the Church) and by all of us, servants of Our Great Savior.

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