

Ephesians

The Christian Family

Ephesians 5:21-6:9

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Introduction:

- Greek – **Mimetes** (*Me-May-Tase*) ... English – **Imitate** ... “*A person who copies the words or behavior of another.*”
 - **Philippians 4:13**
 - Light and Darkness for comparison – **Light** being Good ... **Dark** being Evil.
 - **Matthew 5:14-16**
 - **1st Corinthians 6:9-11**
 - What is your life proclaiming to the world about Jesus – *If you do NOT speak of Him to others ... Then to others, He does not exist in your life.*
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1. Wives:

- a. **Ephesians 5:22-24**
- b. “*Submit*” has become a foul word that they despise because it has acquired a meaning from the world – and **NOT** from God.
- c. Greek – **Hypotasso** (*Hoop-A-Tosso*) ... English – **Submit** ... “*To be willing to submit to orders or wishes of others.*”
- d. Easier said – *To put the needs of others first.*
- e. Submit does NOT mean:
 1. *The wife must follow every micromanaged instruction from her husband as if she is child.*
 2. *She cannot make any decisions.*
 3. *She has no authority in the home or with the kids.*
 4. *She has no authority over herself.*
 5. *She has no independent control.*
 6. *She cannot make reasonable demands of her husband.*
- f. Submit DOES mean:
 1. *Believing the Words of God to the point of supporting the idea that the husband can make decisions for his family.*
 2. *Believing the Words of God to the point of supporting that the husband is in a headship role in relation to his wife and children.*

2. Husbands:

- a. **Ephesians 5:25-28**
- b. If I am to love my wife like Jesus loves the church – What does that look like?
 - 1. Sacrificial Love –
 - 2. Purifying Love –
 - 3. Caring Love – **Genesis 2:21-24**
 - 4. Unbreakable Love -

3. Children and Parents:

- a. **Ephesians 6:1-4**
- b. **Ephesians 5:33**
- c. **Ephesians 6:1-2**
- d. God says to OBEY your parents in the Lord – Why? ... *Because it is the right thing to do.*
- e. **Ephesians 6:3**
- f. Greek – **Hypakouo** (*Hoop-A-Koo-O*) ... English – **Obey** ... “*To bring something under the control of someone - To subject to ... To obey*”
- g. **What is the New Man Ideology?** ... “The overarching goal was to sever traditional cultural reproduction – including family-led religious values – to foster a collective, self-reliant secular citizenry.
- h. Andy Griffith - Shiny Things.
- i. **Ephesians 6:4**
- j. Greek – **Parorgizo** (*Par-Or-Geezo*) ... English – **Exasperate** ... “*To become provoked to anger.*”
- k. **Deuteronomy 11:18-20**
- l. **Proverbs 3:5-6**
- m. **Ephesians 5:21**