

Bible Study – Ephesians 5:22-6:9
Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Having already been made to consider our relationship with the Lord, and others (both inside and outside of the church), Paul now turns our attention towards how we are to interact within each of our families, when we are at home.

Read: **2 Chronicles 16:9** -

1. God is watching _____. He sees _____ things.
2. His desire is to _____ support those whose heart is _____ His.
3. It is possible to have a _____ that is not completely His.
4. And, it is possible then, to _____ to receive strong support of the Lord.

What should be the difference between our behavior and character in public as opposed to the privacy of our homes?

Ephesians 5:22-27 -

²² **WIVES, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.** ²³ *For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.* ²⁴ **Therefore, just as the CHURCH is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.**

²⁵ **HUSBANDS, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,** ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be **holy and without blemish.**

Let's go back through this a bit...

Notes from v. 22 –

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Consider: **1 Corinthians 7:10-11** – Now to the married I command, *yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband.* ¹¹ But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to *her* husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

1 Peter 3:1-6 - **Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,** ² **when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied by reverence.*** ³ Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—⁴ rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. ⁵ **For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,** ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

A primary responsibility of **the Godly wife** is to be “_____”.

The husband’s special duty is: to _____ his wife.

Types of Love:

Eros –

Phileo –

Agape –

1 John 2:2 - He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

v. 28-33 – **So husbands ought to love their own wives** as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ **For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it,** just as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰ For we are

members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.³¹ *“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”*³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.³³ **Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.**

Notes from v. 33 -

(Ref: Dr. Eggerichs book – Love & Respect)

Chapter 6 – So, we shift our attention to the children and parental relationship:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.² *“Honor your father and mother,”* which is the first commandment with promise:³ *“that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”*

⁴ **And you, FATHERS, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**

(Ref.: Exodus 20)

Note that **this directive** to the FATHERS is **two-fold**. What are the two things they directed to *do*, or *not do*?

He continues with a similar directive to for those in subordinate & leadership roles –

⁵ **Bondservants, be obedient** to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, **as to Christ**; ⁶ **not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,** ⁷ with goodwill doing service, **as to the Lord, and not to men,** ⁸ knowing that **whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord**, whether *he is* a slave or free.

⁹ And you, **masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening,** knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and **there is no partiality with Him.**

Each of these relationships set the stage for *successfully engaging* in spiritual warfare. Read **1 Peter 5:6-8** and **James 4:7-10**. Compare the two, and jot down anything that comes to mind from what you have already studied.