

THE FAMILY - GETTING IT RIGHT — 10/31/21

TEXT- Eph 5:21 *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

INTRO — We live in a day where America is becoming more secular and less religious. 2 Ti 3:1-5 *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

A home where members are Christians does not make it a Christian home. A Christian home is built purposefully. It is not an easy task.

I. THE STRUCTURE OF AUTHORITY

1 Cor 7:1-5 *Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.*

Eph 5:21-24 *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 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. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*

Col 3:18 *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.*

1 Pet 3:1 *Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;*

1 Co 11:3 *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

God – Jesus – Man- Woman - Children

10 Commandments for wives

1. Honor thy own womanhood, that thy days may be long in the house which thy husband provideth for thee.

2. Expect not thy husband to give thee as many luxuries as thy father hath given thee after many years of hard labor and economies.

3. Forget not the virtue of good humor, for verily all that a man hath will he give for a woman's smile.

4. Thou shalt not nag.

5. Thou shalt coddle thy husband, for verily every man loveth to be fussed over.

6. Remember that the frank approval of thy husband is worth more to thee than the sidelong glances of many strangers.

7. Forget not the grace of cleanliness and good dressing.

8. Permit no one to assure thee that thou art having a hard time of it; neither thy mother, nor thy sister, nor thy maiden aunt, nor any of thy kinfolk, for the judge will not hold her guiltless who letteth another disparage her husband.

9. Keep thy home with all diligence, for out of it cometh the joys of thine old age.

10. Commit thy ways unto the Lord thy God and thy children shall rise up and call thee blessed.

II. THE ROMANCE OF MARRIAGE

A beautiful blond senior shares: "When we date, we start giving gifts, like flowers or candy. When a couple becomes engaged, they give special things -- a diamond and very personal things. The most personal gift that I can ever give is myself. I have nothing more precious to give.

When I marry, I want to give my husband the best that I have -- my whole self as completely as I can."

Prov 5:18 *Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.*

Prov 18:22 *Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.*

Ecc 9:9 *Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.*

Matthew Henry writes: "Eve was made by God not out of His head to rule over Him, nor out of His feet to be trampled upon by Him, but out of His side to be equal with Him, under His arm to be protected, and near His heart to be loved."

Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

Eph 5:28 *So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.*

Eph 5:31 *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.*

Eph 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

1 Pet 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

BONN, Germany -- A German group of psychologists, physicians and insurance companies who cooperated on a research project, designed to find the secret to long life and success, made a surprising discovery. The secret? Kiss your wife each morning when you leave for work! The meticulous German researchers discovered that men who kiss their wives every morning have fewer automobile accidents on their way to work than men who omit the morning kiss. The good-morning kissers miss less work because of sickness and earn 20 to 30 percent more money than non-kissers. How do they explain their findings?

According to West Germany's Dr. Arthur Szabo, "A husband who kisses his wife every morning begins the day with a positive attitude."

III. THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN

Prov 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

1. Acknowledge that your child is a gift from God Psa 127:1-5 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Prov 17:6 Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.

2. Dedicate your child to the Lord to be used in his service

3. Make a personal commitment to God to grow as a Christian parent.

4. Identify your values and convey these values consistently in your behavior.

Eph 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Col 3:20-21 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well

pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

5. Express to your children love and acceptance. Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, **1 Th 2:7** But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

6. View discipline as an ongoing process of helping your children ultimately to become self-controlled and self-disciplined. Prov 22:15

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. Prov 23:13-14 Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

7. Pray daily for each member of your family.

8. Maintain family worship and Bible study in your home.

9. Involve all family members in church activities.

10. Participate in events your church will offer to help you grow as a Christian parent. Be imitators of God as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loves us.

CONCL –