

# EPHESIANS 5:22 - 6:9

## **Ephesians 5:1-21**

The Christian's morality in his walk with the Lord

- 5:1-7 Walk in Love
- 5:8-14 Walk in Light
- 5:15-21 Walk in Wisdom

## **Ephesians 5:22 - 6:9**

The Christian's morality applied in his relationships

- 5:22-33 Husbands and Wives
- 6:1-4 Parents and Children
- 6:5-9 Masters and Bondservants

## **The Church Illustrated as a**

- Body (1:22-23, 2:16, 4:4-16)
- House/Temple (2:19-22)
- Bride/Wife (5:22-33)

## **HUSBANDS AND WIVES:**

7 features of Christ's relationship with His Church

<b>Christ &amp; His Church</b>	<b>Husbands &amp; Wives</b>
He is Head of the Church (vs. 23)	* Wives should submit to their husbands * Husbands should take active lead.
He is Saviour of the body (vs. 23)	Husbands should protect their wives
He loves the Church (vs.25)	Husbands should love their wives sacrificially
He gave Himself for her (vs. 25)	Husbands should put their wives ahead of themselves
He sanctifies the Church (vs. 26)	Husbands should help their wives to develop spiritually through God's Word.
He nourishes and cherishes her (vs. 29)	Husbands should provide for their wives
He is united to us, the members of His body (vs. 30)	Husbands and wives should be loyal to one another

Summary exhortation (vs. 23):

- Husband, love your wife.
- Wife, respect your husband.

## **PARENTS & CHILDREN**

Four important principles in bringing up children:

1. Love
2. Discipline
3. Example
4. Provision

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NKJV)

*"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

Proverbs 29:15,17

*The rod and rebuke give wisdom,  
But a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.  
Correct your son, and he will give you rest;  
Yes, he will give delight to your soul.*

1 Timothy 5:8

*But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

Psalms 127:3

*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,  
The fruit of the womb is a reward.*

Proverbs 13:24

*He who spares his rod hates his son,  
But he who loves him disciplines him promptly.*

Proverbs 1:7

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,  
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 22:15

*Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;  
The rod of correction will drive it far from him.*

## **MASTERS AND BONDSERVANTS**

*Lessons we can draw from this passage and apply to employer/employee relations:*

- \* Respect your employer, boss and/or foreman (6:5)
- \* Be sincere and honest (6:5)
- \* Be marked by integrity (6:6)
- \* Be a dedicated worker and be productive (6:5-8)
- \* Note the four references to Christ, the Lord, who is ultimately the One we work for (6:5-8)
- \* Christian employers should be marked by the same virtues as Christian employees should be (6:9)
- \* Don't abuse your position as boss to intimidate people (6:9)