

LIVING LETTERS
A CHAPTER BY CHAPTER STUDY OF EPHESIANS
CHAPTERS 5:21- 33 AND 6:1 -9
FAMILY MATTERS AND WORKPLACE WISDOM
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- Ephesians 5:21 NKJV [21] submitting to one another in the fear of God.
 - Marriage is about a husband and wife yielding to (**each other**) in the fear of God.
- Ephesians 5:22-24 NASB [22] Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. [24] But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.
 - The readiness for a woman to be married is noticed first and foremost in her submission to the (**authority of Jesus**) in her own personal life.
- Ephesians 5:25-27 NKJV [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.
 - vs.25 The first act of the husband in marriage is to (**surrender**) to God.
- Ephesians 5:28-30 NIV[28] In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. [29] After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church--- [30] for we are members of his body.
 - A husband that loves and blesses his wife actually loves and blesses (**himself**).

- Ephesians 5:31-33
 - The whole point of marriage is (**oneness**).

Parents and Children

- Ephesians 6:1-4 NIV [1]Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. [2] “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— [3]“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”[4] Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Workplace Wisdom

- Ephesians 6:5-9 NIV [5] Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. [6] Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. [7] Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, [8] because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.[9] And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.