

**IT IS ALL
ABOUT FAMILY!!
EPHESIANS 5:21-6:4**

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21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 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.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

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

Ephesians 5:21-6:4 - continued

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

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

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Ephesians 5:21-6:4 - continued

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.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

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.

Ephesians 5:21-6:4 - continued

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

I. Three Family Relationship Needs

A. Family relationships need to have Christ in consideration

1. God's design for relationships

- a. Intimate relationship Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**
- b. God is love and that love is shown**

2. God's relationship is extended to us to extend to others

- a. We are most like God when we give love to others**
- b. Our relationships need to imitate God in walk, in service, and to encourage others**

I. Three Family Relationship Needs

B. Family relationships need to reflect the character of Christ

Forgiving

Real

Imparts Truth

Embracing

Not Selfish

Dedicated

I. Three Family Relationship Needs

C. Family relationships need to seek the consequences of following Christ (6:3)

1. Abundant life

John 10:10b - ... I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

2. Unspeakable joy

1 Peter 1:8

Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

I. Three Family Relationship Needs

C. Family relationships need to seek the consequences of following Christ (6:3) - continued

3. Unbelievable peace

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

A. Forgiving

1. Families will fail without forgiveness

**2. Find the humility to say “I’m sorry” and
“I forgive you”**

3. If you want God’s forgiveness you need to forgive

Matthew 6:14-15

**14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly
Father will also forgive you:**

**15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will
your Father forgive your trespasses.**

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

B. Authentic

- 1. No one knows you better than your mom**
- 2. Very little can be hidden within the family for long**
- 3. Our hearts—our real identity will be uncovered within our family.**

Luke 8:17-18

17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

C. Meaningful actions

1. That restores

Luke 15:20-21

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

C. Meaningful actions - continued

2. That rejoices

Luke 15:22-24

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

C. Meaningful actions - continued

3. That responds

Luke 15:28-30

28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him.

29 And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:

30 But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf.

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

C. Meaningful actions - continued

4. That reassures

Luke 15:31-32

31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

32 It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

D. Impart truth

- 1. God has given parents the responsibility to teach their children**

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

D. Impart truth - continued

2. God has given the responsibility to follow Godly parents' instruction

Proverbs 6:20-23

20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

D. Impart truth - continued

3. Instruction should have a life-lasting result

Proverbs 22:6

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

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

E. Loving

I Corinthians 13:4-8a

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth:...

1. Loyal

2. Lasting

II. Six Principles For The FAMILY

F. Yielded to one another

Colossians 3:18-21

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

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

20 Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

Put Each Other First In Your Family

**FAMILY IS
EVERYTHING**