

The Christian Home

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Scripture Lesson is Colossians 3:16-25; 4:1-6 **This is an excerpt from the message.**

Verse 17: And whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. All must be done in the name of Christ according to this command and in compliance with his authority, with an eye to his glory. **Eph. 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things.**

Ver. 18: Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. The apostle begins with the duties of wives and husbands. The wives submit to your own husband. Husbands not as a rigorous lord or absolute tyrant, who may do his will without restraints, but as is fit in the lord. What the church's subjection to Christ is, such is the wife's to the husband. A subjection of which love is the very soul. Thus everything harsh, unkind and degrading disappears.

Ver. 19: Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. The husband's duty is to love. Because he loves, he is not harsh but as patient and self-sacrificing as Christ is to the church. He must be a blessing and help. It is the man's love that evokes the woman's subjection. Just as Christ's love melts and moves human wills to glad obedience which is liberty. If a man and woman love and marry in the Lord, He will be in the midst, a third who will make them one, and that **threefold cord will not be quickly broken.** **1Sa 1:8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?** Husbands must love their wives with tender and faithful affection, as Christ loved the church, and as their own bodies, even as themselves. **Eph 5: 25, 28,33.** **In 1 Cor. 11:9, 11, 12 for the woman was made for the man, neither is the man without the woman, and the man is also is by the woman.**

Ver. 20: Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is wellpleasing unto the Lord. Children must be willing to do all lawful commands. Parents have a nature right to direct their children. Children are **to honor as well as obey their parents Eph. 6:2** (this is the first commandment with promise). They must esteem them and think honorably of them for this is well pleasing to God. The promise is annexed, that **is shall be well with them, and they shall live long on the earth.** Dutiful children are the most likely to prosper in the world and enjoy long life.

The rules set forth in these Scriptures must be obeyed if we are to have a happy Christian home.