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Relational Wisdom



Ephesians 5:15-33 (NLT)

15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise.



¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,



**19 singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual
songs among yourselves,
and making music to the
Lord in your hearts.**



20 And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**21 And further, submit to
one another out of
reverence for Christ.**



Submit:

“a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden”



**22 For wives, this means
submit to your husbands
as to the Lord.**



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- 3. A spiritual act**



23 For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of His body, the church.



24 As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.



25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

27 He did this to present her to Himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

**28 In the same way,
husbands ought to love
their wives as they love
their own bodies. For a
man who loves his wife
actually shows love for
himself.**



29 No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. ³⁰ And we are members of His body.



**31 As the Scriptures say,
“A man leaves his father
and mother and is joined
to his wife, and the two
are united into one.”**



**32 This is a great mystery,
but it is an illustration of
the way Christ and the
church are one.**



John 10:18 (NLT)

No one can take my life from Me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."

33 So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.



Ephesians 6:1-9 (NLT)
**Children, obey your
parents because you
belong to the Lord, for
this is the right thing to
do.**



2 “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise:



**³ If you honor your
father and mother,
“things will go well for
you, and you will have a
long life on the earth.”**



4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

**5 Slaves, obey your
earthly masters with
deep respect and fear.
Serve them sincerely as
you would serve Christ.**



6 Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart.



**7 Work with enthusiasm,
as though you were
working for the Lord
rather than for people.**



**8 Remember that the Lord
will reward each one of
us for the good we do,
whether we are slaves or
free.**



9 Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and He has no favorites.



1 Corinthians 7:21-22 (NLT)

21 Are you a slave? Don't let that worry you—but if you get a chance to be free, take it.

22 And remember, if you were a slave when the Lord called you, you are now free in the Lord. And if you were free when the Lord called you, you are now a slave of Christ.

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