

COLOSSIANS: LORDSHIP IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS PT 2

Colossians 3:18-21 NASB

¹⁸ Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not become bitter against them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing^l to the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not antagonize your children, so that they will not become discouraged.

Ephesians 5:17-28 NASB

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, in which there is debauchery, but be filled with the spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; ²⁰ always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father; ²¹ and subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.

²² Wives, subject yourselves 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.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸ So husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

- Note: **V 17-21** precede **V 22-28**. (**V 21** in particular)
- What does submission mean?
 - The root word here means to arrange, put in order, or establish.
 - Here the word has a prefix that means 'under', so it means to place under or arrange under.
 - Note: 'Home on the arrange' works better than home on the 'dis-arranged' and there are much fewer 'dis-couraging' words!
 - This word for subject, submit, or submission is used in reference to all sorts of relationships.

- Jesus in submission to the Father. (see **I Corinthians 15:28**)
- Jesus in submission to His parents. (see **Luke 2:51**)
- Christians in submission to Jesus. (see **I Corinthians 15:27, Ephesians 1:22, Philippians 3:21**)
- The church in submission to Jesus. (see **Ephesians 5:24**)
- Angels in submission to Jesus. (see **I Peter 3:22**)
- Young men in submission to their elders. (see **I Peter 5:5**)
- Submission is part of so many relational connections.

UNDERSTANDING SUBMISSION

Ephesians 5:18-33, Colossians 3:18-19 NASB

Submission – root word means ‘to arrange’ or ‘put in order.’ This word adds the prefix ‘under’ so it means to place or to arrange under, to subordinate or submit voluntarily.

Sub = under

Mission = purpose

God’s Mission...God’s Purpose



Two people voluntarily under the same mission = submission.

Contending for relationships: embittered or emblazed? (**Colossians 3:9-21**)

- Check out this spiritual armor: (**Colossians 3:9-17**)
 - Telling the truth. (**v9**)
 - Putting on the new self. (**v19**)
 - Recognition that it's all about Jesus. (**v11**)
 - Living like we are chosen of God, holy and beloved. (**v12**)
 - Wearing a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
 - Bearing with one another and forgiving one another. (**v13**) (See **Psalm 18:30-36**)
 - Put on love...the perfect bond of unity. (**v14**)
 - Let peace rule in your heart (whose peace is it?) and be thankful. (**v15**)
 - Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you with Spirit-empowered results. (**v16**) (See **Colossians 3:18-21**)
 - Wives, be subject to your husbands as is fitting in the Lord. (It is difficult to do what's fitting if you are acting like a misfit. (**v18**))
 - Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. (**v19**)
 - Never treat them harshly...**NLT**
 - (Don't be) harsh, bitter, resentful. **Amplified**
 - Husbands, be loving your wives with a divine love which impels you to deny yourselves for their benefit and stop being bitter and harsh to them. **Wuest Translation**
 - To embitter, exasperate, render angry or indignant, to be embittered or irritated, to visit with bitterness, to grieve. **Thayer Translation**

If you think you're dying it may be because you've been drinking from bitter waters. **Revelation 8:11**

⁷You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir

of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. ⁸ To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, loving, compassionate, and humble. **I Peter 3:7-8 NASB**

- Do this! (**I Peter 3:7-8**)
 - Live with your life in an understanding way.
 - Understanding her...learn about her...learn from her! (**v7**)
 - An understanding way (see **I Corinthians 12:8, 2:6,10, and 13**) wisdom. (**v7**)
 - Treat her like she is a woman...womanly...feminine...her God-given woman-ness. (This adjective has the same relationship to 'woman' as 'royal' does to king.) (**v7**)
 - Show her honor...esteem, value. (**v7**)
 - Don't just think or intend honor...show it...demonstrate her value to you.
 - Pray...she is your joint heir of the grace of life...pray for her and pray with her. (**v7**)
 - Be harmonious. (**v8**)
 - Be sympathetic. (**v8**)
 - Be brotherly (friendly). (**v8**)
 - Be kindhearted. (**v8**)
 - Be humble in spirit. (**v8**)
 - Don't be defensive (evil speech and results). (**v9**)
 - Be a blesser and a blessing. (**v9**)
 - Be blessed! (**v9**)
 - A final command. Flame on! Be emblazed!
 - Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. **I Corinthians 16:13-14**
 - The only place this word is used in the Greek NT. It is the verb from of the word 'man'. We need to be about actively being men!
 - Verb = words expressing action, existence or occurrence.