

Five Radical Ideas from God for a Happy Home

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Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit ... submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands...

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Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

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“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Biblical Principles on Leadership

- Christ said that the greatest among us must be the servant of all, “For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:44-45).
- Brene Brown: “I define a leader as anyone who takes responsibility for finding the potential in people and processes, and who has the courage to develop that potential.”
- “The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep” (John 10:11)
- *The good husband gives his life for his wife, the good wife gives her life for her husband, the good parents give their lives for their children, the good children give their lives for their parents.*

Eric Metaxas on true manhood

“So what is ‘heart’? It's courage, but courage to do what? The courage to do the right thing when all else tells you not to do it. The courage to rise above your surroundings and circumstances. the courage to be God's idea of a real man and to give of yourself for others when it costs you to do so and when everything tells you to look out for yourself.”

1. Be filled with the Spirit

- **“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:17-18).**
- **The result of being filled with the Spirit: wisdom, knowledge of the will of God, holy desire to use the time on earth wisely, holy conversations, constant rejoicing, constant sense of gratitude.**
- **People who are filled with the Spirit are enjoyable to live with.**

2. Husbands, love your wives

- **“Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ... Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.”**

Three Stages of Salvation

- 1. Payment for our sins on Calvary: Justification from sin, “He gave Himself up for her.”**
- 2. Progressive Sanctification in this life: “that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word.”**
- 3. Glorification in the final presentation of the Church in glory: “so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”**

Three Stages of Marriage

- 1. The Wedding Ceremony: Pledging, promising, committing. The husband would give a dowry for the wife. The bride would take a ceremonial bath and be presented to her husband.**
- 2. The Home Life: The husband and wife must daily remind each other of the original pledge.**
- 3. The Mature Home: The husband and wife have invested in each other to make the other a precious person, without spot or wrinkle or any other blemish.**

3. Wives, love your husbands

- **“Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.”**

4. Children, obey your parents

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5. Fathers, be the spiritual leader in your family

- **“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”**
- **“Discipline” or “Nurture” – the treatment due a child**
- **“Instruction” or “Admonition” – putting in mind the truth of God**

George Washington's Character



- **Wealthy Farmer**
- **Character was important**
- **Service: In his military career he took difficult assignments**
- **Brave under fire – three horses shot from underneath him**
- **Refused to become king or dictator**
- **Served two terms as president**
- **Set the standard for president**

The Newburgh Conspiracy, March 15, 1783

- **Soldiers who served in the War for Independence (1775-1781) were still unpaid and began to threaten military rule.**
- **“And let me conjure you, in the name of our common country, as you value your own sacred honor, as you respect the rights of humanity, and as you regard the military and national character of America, to express your utmost horror and detestation of the man, who wishes, under any specious pretences, to overturn the liberties of our country; and who wickedly attempts to open the flood-gates of civil discord, and deluge our rising empire in blood.”**

Who has Christ called you to be?