

MOTHERS' DAY @ PPCC

Celebrating Biblical Relationships @ Home

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Ephesians 6:1-4

Ephesians

God's divine plan of unity & reconciliation
displayed through the church

Ch 1-3 Exposition (Adoration)

Ch 4-6 Exhortation

Ephesians 5:1-21 Walk in love

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath
given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for
a sweetsmelling savour.

Ephesians 5:15-18

See then that ye walk circumspectly (looking carefully),

- not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
- And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:18-21

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

- Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:21-6:9

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cf. Eph 5:22

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

cf. Eph 6:5

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, **as unto Christ**.

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

Introduction to Interpreting & Applying the Bible



■ Exodus 20:12

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

■ Deut 5:16

Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Introduction to Interpreting & Applying the Bible



■ General promise / consequence

"...If parents, as authority figures within the home, are respected by children, then respect for authority figures within society at large will also follow."

- D. A. Carson, *New Bible Commentary : 21st Century Edition*, 4th ed.

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"...notice that this commandment comes with covenant promise: living long in the land. In the ancient Near East it is not the religious heritage but the fabric of society that is threatened when there is no respect for parental authority and filial obligations are neglected."

- Victor Harold Matthews, Mark W. Chavalas and John H. Walton, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary*

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Ephesians 5:31

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.

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Favouritism, unfairness & inconsistency;
Unreasonable expectations and harsh punishments;
Constant nagging and condemnation;
Subjecting a child to humiliation...

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Ephesians 5:29

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

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Discipline: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly!

“Chastening” (KJV)

Paideia

Disciplined training, correction

Hebrews. 12: 4-8

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth....

Hebrews. 12: 4-8

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.....

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