



Lesson 9

3:18-4:1 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. ²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism. ^{4:1} Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Notes:

- Paul addresses and give instructions to six groups on particular ways to live their sanctification.
- “submit” (v. 18) = (Pr M Impv) “to keep on ordering oneself under” in rank rather than specific activity, importance, ability, or value
- “love” (v. 19) = (Pr A Impv) fr. ἀγαπάω – “keep on loving”
- “obey” (v. 20, 22) = “keep on following instructions/obey” as told
- “discouraged” (v. 21) = without passion/drive/motivation
- “slaves” (v. 22) = encompasses servants and slaves
- “work at it with all your heart” (v. 23) = “work from soul”
- “no favoritism” (v. 25) = “no respect of person”

1.) What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband? What should be the wife’s model and motivation for doing so?

Ephesians 5:22-23 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

2.) What does it mean for a husband to love his wife? What is his model and motivation?

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.



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(Dawn Schulz & Rev. Paul Wendland)

1.) How does the Bible's teaching of male headship and female submission communicate the gospel to the world around us?

2.) Pastor Wendland mentioned that the complimentary partnership of male and female is embedded in all three articles of the (Apostles') Creed. How is it in...

- The Father's work of creation?
- The Son's word of salvation/justification/redemption?
- The Spirit's work of sanctification?

3.) In what ways do the Biblical roles of men and women run counter to our current culture? How might this make our faith attractive to some?

4.) What positive aspect of our cultural can we infuse with gospel truth to enhance the growth of the kingdom?

5.) What have we done and are we doing at Ascension to address the necessity of giving women opportunities to meaningfully use their gifts and have a voice in shaping ministry? How might we do this better?