

“The Spirit Filled Person” Walks In Harmony (Ephesians 5:18-6:9)

Heaven In The Home – Husbands & Wives (5:22-33) Outline By: Mark Knowles 7/7/13 PM

Introduction

1. In Ephesians 5:15-17 says we are to walk in wisdom. Through the Spirit we can show this wisdom through family relationships. How can this be? It is through family we interact with society...
 - a. Through marriage we come in contact with our “in-laws”
 - b. Through children we develop relationships with those in their schools, neighborhood etc.
2. Thus through families we share the same principles of the gospel message (submission, love, sacrifice, obedience, honesty, fairness) are to be displayed in our relationships.

I. Wives (5:22-24,33)

- a. Wives Submit Yourselves
 - i. The reason is because of the Lordship of Christ and the headship of the man in Christ (5:22-23).
 - ii. Both husbands and wives must submit to Christ for the marriage to work in the design God created it for.
- b. Christians Marrying Christians
 - i. Beware of being “unequally yoked” with non-Christians (2 Cor 6:14-18). Submission to Christ is a must and when one spouse does not submit civil war can be begin without end.
 - ii. Christians who wish to marry need to begin on a strong foundation of God’s Word and Will.

II. Husbands (5:25-33)

- a. Husbands Love Your Wives
 - i. Paul has a lot more to say to husbands than to wives. He set a very high standard for them telling them to love their wives even as Christ loves the church.
 - ii. Husbands are to love their wives so completely and so righteously that the wife needs to never fear or suffer from her life of submission.
- b. The Basis Of Love
 - i. Marriage was created to meet man’s emotional needs. (Gen 2:18)
 - ii. Marriage was created to meet man’s physical needs. (1 Cor 7:1-3)
 - iii. Marriage was created to fulfill a social purpose in having children (Gen 1:28)
 - iv. Marriage is based upon loving sacrificially (Eph 5:25) just as Jesus gave His life for the church to cleanse and keep her...
 - v. The husband’s love is also to be sanctifying (Eph 5:26-27) meaning he is now set apart to belong to his wife and the wife is set apart to belong to her husband.
 - vi. Today Jesus cleanses the church through the word and truth (John 17:17) The love of a husband for his wife ought to help cleanse them so that they can walk with God.
 - vii. A husband’s love should also be satisfying (5:28-30). They are now one flesh in marriage so that whatever he does for his wife is also for himself and vice versa.
 - viii. Love is the pillar of the marriage and it truly protects from sin and temptation.
 - ix. If Christian husbands and wives have the power of the Spirit to enable them and the example of Jesus to encourage them then they will be joyful, thankful, submissive and loving.