**FAITH Impacts ALL our Relationships ~ Colossians 3:18-211**

**🡺Scripture Reading-** Ephesians 5:21-22, 25, 6:1-4

 **INTRODUCTION**

**1Peter 3:7** (ESV) Husbands live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, SO THAT your prayers may not be hindered.

**Galatians 6:7** (NIV)  Do Not be Deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

**Galatians 3:28** (NIV) There is NEITHER Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, Male nor Female, for you are ALL One IN Christ Jesus.

We are Equal before the Lord but we have Different Roles and Responsibilities

**Ephesians 5:21** (NIV) Submit to One Another out of Reverence for Christ.

**Two Principles Give us Insight...** WBarclay

1- Everything is based on Mutual Obligation

2- ALL Relationships are IN the Lord

 **Instructions for Wives and Husbands ~ Colossians 3:18-19**

**18** **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.

 **IMPLICATION**

**18** **Wives**, Submit to your husbands, as is fitting IN the Lord.

**Biblical Submission**...

* is Not BLIND obedience or passivity
* is Not FORCED
* Never includes DISOBEDIENCE to God
* is Never about GIVING IN to any form of Abuse or Danger
* does Not include HIDING someone else’s Sin

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The wife’s primary responsibility is to Obey the Lord. When she encounters conflicting authorities the Lord, through His Word, telling her to do One Thing, and her husband telling her to do a contradictory thing - she should Always Obey the Lord. Constable

Every Christian’s primary responsibility is to OBEY God’s Word and to DO His Will. Constable

**Acts 5:29** (NIV) ...We must OBEY God rather than men.

19 Husbands, Love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

**Ephesians 5:25** (NIV) Husbands, Love your wives, just AS Christ Loved the church...

Christlike, Sacrificial Leadership by the husband will keep the ultimate good of his wife in view at ALL times. He will seek to Lead by Serving. NBC

 **Instructions for Children and Parents ~ Colossians 3:18-17**

**18** 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.

 **IMPLICATION**

Paul’s teaching address Wives, Children, and Slaves AS Responsible, Moral beings, full members of the body of Christ. NIVAC

**Galatians 3:28** (NIV) There is NEITHER Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, Male nor Female, for you are ALL One IN Christ Jesus.

The gospel in which there is no Greek or Jew, slave or free, male or female recognizes each individual as a full person and is concerned to protect each person’s rights, not to enforce his or her subordination. NIVAC

 **TAKE AWAY ??**

**Submission**...

* is MUTUAL
* is doing what is RIGHT in God’s Sight
* means continuing to DEVELOP godly character
* is an Attitude of TRUST in God

**Ephesians 5:21** (NIV) Submit to One Another out of Reverence for Christ.

🡺Adam needed a Partner NOT a Servant

**Submission** is looking at your husband with all his pluses and minuses and seeing yourself as God’s instrument to Encourage and Strengthen him in his walk with Christ.

**Servant/Leadership** means a husband will give the best of ALL that he is to his wife and those under his care and authority. It means to willingly Serve his wife in anyway that is needed.