

THE QUESTION THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

FUTURE FAMILY, PART 2

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Review of week one:

- Jesus taught and pointed toward an ideal, yet refused to condemn those who fell short.
- *Question:* Are we willing to embrace a standard that many of us have fallen or will fall short of, or will we lower our standards until we feel good about where we are?

A summary of New Testament teaching on the family:

- Husbands: love your wives and be considerate.
- Wives: submit to your husbands.
- Children: obey your parents.
- Fathers: don't exasperate your children.

The most controversial New Testament teaching on marriage . . .

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:22

This is addressed to _____ not _____.

- This verse is one application given to women, of the mandate given to all of us in the prior verse.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

- Not out of reverence for one another— “one another” doesn't deserve it all the time.
- The principle: doing for one another what Christ did for you. Jesus put you first, ahead of himself.

The Goal For A Christian Family: _____

1. The **message** of mutual submission: *I'm here for you, regardless of your place in the family. I'm going to leverage my power, authority, energy and time for your benefit.*

2. The **assumption** of mutual submission: *You are of no less value than me. While our responsibilities and roles differ, nobody is of less value.*

3. The **question** mutual submission asks:

What can I do to _____?

- Selfless people are happier people.
- Jesus Christ modeled for us how to use authority:
 - as the most powerful person in the room, he washed his disciples' feet.
 - When the disciples got out of line, he rebuked them, and then he died for them.

For while we were still helpless at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates his own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8 NAS