

CONGDON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH/YOUNG ADULT'S CLASS

Ephesians 5: 21-33; 6: 1-4

“Fortifying Families” (New Life in the Home)

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Aim's - - - Students Should Know That:

1. The spiritual key to healthy family relationships (husband to wife, wife to husband, Children to parents, and parents to children) is for all family members to be subject (submissive) to each other out of reverence for Christ.
2. There should be mutual submission between a husband and a wife, where the wife respects the husbands role as head of the house hold; however, a husband must sacrifice and submit to his wife, taking care of her like his own body.
3. Paul advocated for mutual submission between children and parents, where children obey and bring honor to their parents; and parents respect their children and treat them fairly.

Discussion Topics:

- Why is submission key to healthy family relationships versus pride and self centeredness (having your own way most the time)?
- What do people look for from their families and why are gangs so attractive to some young people?
- Does being submissive mean the same thing as being a doormat (letting others take advantage of you)?

Biblical Journey:

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| I. Household Codes (for all family members) | Ephesians 5: 21 |
| II. Codes for the Wife | Ephesians 5: 22-24 |
| III. Codes for the Husband | Ephesians 5: 25-30 |
| IV. Becoming One Flesh | Ephesians 5: 31-33 |
| V. Codes for the Children and Parents | Ephesians 6: 1-4 |

Q & A

1. *“Believers are to submit to one another out of what? _____*
2. *Wives are to submit to their husbands as _____.*
3. *Paul admonished husbands to love their wives as _____?*
4. *Children are to _____ and _____ their parents?*
5. *Write a brief definition of submission.”*
6. *What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you through this lesson?*

I learned that:

Family members have a responsibility toward each other, and this begins with our love of Christ.

The biblical definition of the word submission is different from the worlds. It's being humble and compliant, yielding ones self or will to the authority of others.