

Heaven's Riches – Ephesians

Week Seven – Chapter 5:21 – 6:10

Cultivating Healthy Relationships. Walking in Wisdom in your closest relationships from your position in Christ!

Ephesians 5:21 -

- How do we honor Jesus?
- What does it mean to honor Jesus?

Reverence (21). Literally fear; respect, honor, humble sense of _____ to Father God and Jesus = My new creation nature is _____ to goodness, righteousness and truth.

Tenderly Devoted (21) as translated from the Aramaic. **Submit** from the Greek - To place in order; to subordinate or lower yourself; to obey. It was usually a military term denoting the place in the ranks each division was to take. Greeks and Jews almost never used it to describe _____.

1. The command to subordinate one-self is a command to a person with _____ to place himself in a position of humility for service.
2. It is a voluntary attitude of willingness, cooperating and assuming _____.
3. It means to _____ and _____ one another as Believers in Christ; get along; yield to one another's admonition (_____) or _____, which brings us back to tenderly devoted.

Ephesians 5:21-33 – Wives and Husbands

Make a list of the responsibilities that Paul taught each spouse to fulfill toward the other (21-33).

Wives Responsibility

- 21 – to be tenderly devoted/submitted to each other in love out of honor to Jesus
- 22 – tenderly devoted/submit to husband as is _____ to the Lord
- 23 - _____ with husbands' call to leader/headship
- 24 - be devoted to husband in _____ as church is to Jesus
- 33 - to be tenderly devoted and _____ husband

Husbands Responsibility

- 21 – to be tenderly devoted/submitted to each other in love out of honor to Jesus
- 23 - husband provides leader/headship for wife - _____
- 25 - _____ wife and same love and tender devotion, unselfish, sacrificial love as Jesus shows His church
- 28 - love and care for wife as you love and care for yourself/body
- 29 - serving and meeting _____ needs as Jesus meets the needs of His body, church
- 33 - be _____ to wife and love her

Wives and Husbands

- In what ways does marriage mirror Christ's relationship with the church?
- Why do you think Paul calls on wives to respect their husbands while he calls on husbands to love their wives (33)?

Ephesians 6:1-4 – Children and Parents

- What are the responsibilities children have towards their parents (1)?
- What reasons are given for these responsibilities (1)?
- What is the promise that Paul quotes and why do you think God put this command together with a promise?

- What are the responsibilities parents have towards their children (4)?

Exasperate (4). Provoke to anger, irritation or resentment; to make angry or frustrated by repeatedly doing something annoying.

- In what ways can parents exasperate their children?
- Why does Paul contrast exasperating children with raising them up with loving discipline and counsel that brings the revelation of our Lord?

- How does a parent teach a child Biblical submission?

Ephesians 6:5-9 – Employees and Leaders (in the church and in the workplace)

- What are the responsibilities employees have towards their employers and leaders (5-8)?
- What attitudes should employees be on guard against (5-8)?

- To what degree should we submit to our supervisors and others at work? Where should we draw the line?

- How and why are leaders to treat those in their care; what are their responsibilities (9)?
- What attitudes should a leader guard against regarding their subordinates?

Ephesians 6:10 – Final Exhortation!

Going Deeper This Week: Spend some extended time with Father God, Jesus and Holy Spirit reviewing what you learned this week in Ephesians 5:21-6:10. Ask Him to speak to you and record in your journal what you sense Him showing, saying, and highlighting to your heart. Dialogue with Him through these questions as well:

- Consider the relationships covered in these verses. Ask Holy Spirit to shine His revelation light on the attitudes of your heart toward each category mentioned. Is there anything He is highlighting to you? Are you living towards these people from your status of being in Christ? If so, what fruit can you discern? If not, what change will you make in your mindset?
- Take a few minutes each day this week to close your eyes, sit back and fellowship with Him in your heart. Thank Father God for how He sees you because of Jesus. Thank Him for the truth of how you need to see yourself and make any adjustments to renew your mind to His truth. Let Him speak into your heart the words of love and encouragement you need to hear each day. Allow Him to shower you in His delight!