



Bethany Bible Study & Discussion

Ephesians, Chapter 5:21-5:33

Believer's WALK at Home and Work (Part-1)

Wednesdays
8.00-9.00PM

Walk of Foolish (Continued from last week): What are some evidence of improper conduct? What is the consequence of such immoral behavior? What must be a believer's response? What is a good test 'to prove' for all our actions?

Believer's Walk at Home (of love, respect and obedience) : Wife/Husband (5:21-33) Does mutual submission mean there is no head? Why must wives submit? Why is it hard to submit? Are there any exceptions to submissions? Must a godly wife submit to an ungodly husband? What is the biblical expectations of husbands? Can Headship and Love coexist? Why is it difficult/impossible for husbands to love as Christ loved? How is love of Christ part of believer's past, present, and future?

Personal Reflection: *How is our walk at Home?*

6.23.21

Ephesians 5:1-6:9



Walk of Foolish

(5:3-7,10-11)

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Walk of a FOOLISH (Ephesians 5:3-7,10-11)

WALK TO AVOID

- Flee Immoral behavior (3)
- Avoid foolish talks 4)
- Don't be victim of vain words (6)

CONSEQUENCE

No inheritance in the kingdom of
Christ and God
(5, Revelation 22:15)

BELIEVER'S RESPONSE:

Avoid such people (7, 11)
Prove what is acceptable to Lord (10)
Expose dark deeds (11)

Believer's Walk at Home (couples) (5:22-33)

Does mutual submission mean there is no head?

Why must wives submit? Why is it hard to submit?

Are there any exceptions to submissions?

Must a godly wife submit to an ungodly husband?

What is the biblical expectations of husbands? Can headship and Love coexist?

Why is it difficult/impossible for husbands to love as Christ loved?

How is love of Christ part of believer's past, present, and future?

Mutual Submission (22) “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God”

Does mutual submission mean there is no head? No.

Believers are interdependent and connected as members of the Body

... but, there are overseers (pastors, elders, and other leaders)
(Hebrews 13:17)

... similarly, there is headship instituted in family, work, and society

5:22-6:9 Submissions in our relationships

Wives (to husbands)

Children (to parents)

Bondservants (to masters)

Believer's Walk at Home: God's Divine order

Divine Order for Christian Homes

- Is instituted by God
- Disobeying the order will lead to confusion, conflicts, chaos, losses, sorrows

The Divine Order

- Wife submit to your Husband,
- Husband love your wife,
- Children obey their parents

Following Divine Order will lead to Divine Blessings

Wife ... submit to your husband (22-24)

Submit ... HOW?

- Submission means yielding to the leadership & counsel of husband
- Submit voluntarily and willingly
 - Submission does not mean wives are unequal or inferior or foolish

Submit ... WHY?

- It is pleasing and honorable to the Lord (22)
- Husband is the head (23)
- It portrays church ... Church (the bride) is subject to Christ (the groom) (24)
- It sets a good example for children

Some reasonable exceptions to submissions

- ☐ If submission to husband will lead to sin or personal physical harm
- ☐ If marriage covenant is broken by husband's adultery
- ☐ If Medical/Mental impairment affects husband's ability to lead

“Annoying or Grumpy husband” is not on this list! 😊

... obedience calls for subjection, regardless of husband's imperfections.

(Bible exhorts two imperfect people, brought together in holy matrimony, to mutually love, respect, and submit)

Husbands called to Lead, Love, & Leave (25-32)

Husbands must Lead (with love and wisdom)

Husbands must Love ... HOW?

as Christ loved the church (25) as husbands love self (28) as
Christ nourisheth and Cherishes the church (29)

- Love must be sacrificial, unconditional, selfless, with no expectation, consistent, commitment, felt
- Love must be extended even if wife is annoying, grumpy, nagging (no wife is perfect 😊)

Husbands Love (25-32)

Why Love?

- Shows obedience to the Word of God
- Reflects Christ & Church
- Husband is one with Wife (she is not a different entity)
- Sets good example for children

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the **weaker vessel**, and as being **heirs together** of the grace of life; that your **prayers be not hindered (I Peter 3:7)**

Rejoice with the wife of thy youth (**Proverbs 5:18**)

Husbands must Leave (31)

Leave and Cleave ... for two to become one

(Therefore a man shall **leave** his father and mother and be **joined** to his wife, and they shall become one flesh, **Genesis 2:24**)

- Marriage, a new beginning ... many old things must be forsaken

Husbands
LEAD. LOVE. LEAVE

STUDY the Bible before choosing your spouse + to strengthen your marriages

- Book of **Proverbs** has much wisdom to offer young people on choosing a spouse and dangers of making a hasty decision driven by flesh
- Study & learn from the **biblical account of marriages**
 - what did they do right?
 - what did they do wrong?
 - what qualities should define a godly man and godly woman?

Christ's Timeless Love for the Church (25-27)

Past:	Church formed by Sacrifice on the Cross (Redemption)
Present:	Continual cleansing by the word of God (Sanctification) John 15:3, John 17:17
Future:	Presentation of the Church (bride of Christ) with no spot, wrinkle, impurity (Glorification) Jude 1:24

“I have loved thee with an everlasting Love” **Jeremiah 31:3**

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so **love** his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she **reverence** her husband (Ephesians 5:33)

Secret of Joyful Married Life captured in Two words:

LOVE & REVERENCE

Peter's marriage counsel

Likewise, ye **wives**, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; ² While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

³ Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; ⁴ But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. ⁵ For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: ⁶ Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

⁷ Likewise, ye **husbands**, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. **(I PETER 3:1-7)**

Ephesians 5:1-6:9 ... How is your Walk?

