

A Life of Faith- Every Day  
Ephesians 5:22-6:4  
Godly Families

“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord...Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...”

Ephesians 5:22; 25

**Life Application:** Lift high the dignity and value of our God-given roles in the home.

We must first recognize three relevant truths from Jesus and Paul:

1. The *dignity* of womanhood and children.
2. The *equality* before God of all human beings.
3. The *unity* of all Christian believers as family members in God’s house.

All Christians are children of God- co-heirs with Christ Himself and fully loved the same- no matter the age or gender. These household rules do not destroy this, but rather see each in a specific and God-given role and function.

**Point:** A Godly wife supports and yields to her husband as leader of the house.

Submission is NOT...

- Inferiority (1 Peter 3:7)
- Chauvinism (Genesis 2:18-25)
- Enslavement (John 15:15)

Submission is a humble recognition of the divine order of society and God’s family.

**Point:** A Godly husband loves and sacrifices for his wife and children.

A husband...

1. Loves (5:25)
2. Gives himself up (5:25)
3. Sanctifies (5:26)
4. Cleanses (5:26)
5. Presents (5:27)

Jesus made every effort to present His bride beautiful and spotless. Husbands, are you doing the same?

**Point:** Godly children honor and obey parents when lovingly instructed.

Jesus loved and valued children saying, “*Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.*” (Matthew 19:14)

Questions...

Are you fulfilling your God-given role as a wife, husband or child? What would it take for you to carry out what has been asked of us?

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
Next week: Ephesians 6:5-9 Godly Workers