

EPHESIANS 5:22-6:9

PART X: THE WALK AS IT RELATES TO RELATIONSHIPS

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HUSBANDS & WIVES (5:22-23)

(22) WIVES, SUBMIT YOURSELVES UNTO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS, AS UNTO THE LORD. (23) FOR THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE, EVEN AS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH: AND HE IS THE SAVIOUR OF THE BODY. (24) THEREFORE AS THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT UNTO CHRIST, SO LET THE WIVES BE TO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS IN EVERYTHING. (25) HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, EVEN AS CHRIST ALSO LOVED THE CHURCH, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT; (26) THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY AND CLEANSE IT WITH THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD, (27) THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT IT TO HIMSELF A GLORIOUS CHURCH, NOT HAVING SPOT, OR WRINKLE, OR ANY SUCH THING; BUT THAT IT SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH. (28) SO OUGHT MEN TO LOVE THEIR WIVES AS THEIR OWN BODIES. HE THAT LOVETH HIS WIFE LOVETH HIMSELF. (29) FOR NO MAN EVER YET HATED HIS OWN FLESH; BUT NOURISHETH AND CHERISHETH IT, EVEN AS THE LORD THE CHURCH: (30) FOR WE ARE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY, OF HIS FLESH, AND OF HIS BONES. (31) FOR THIS CAUSE SHALL A MAN LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL BE JOINED UNTO HIS WIFE, AND THEY TWO SHALL BE ONE FLESH. (32) THIS IS A GREAT MYSTERY: BUT I SPEAK CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH. (33) NEVERTHELESS LET EVERY ONE OF YOU IN PARTICULAR SO LOVE HIS WIFE EVEN AS HIMSELF AND THE WIFE SEE THAT SHE REVERENCE HER HUSBAND.

VERSE 22

- **IF CHRIST IS TRULY LORD OVER THE BELIEVER'S LIFE, THE FIRST PLACE THIS WILL BE EVIDENT IS IN THE HOME.**
 - **“BUT I WOULD HAVE YOU KNOW, THAT THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN IS CHRIST; AND THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN /S THE MAN; AND THE HEAD OF CHRIST /SGOD” (1 CORINTHIANS 11:3).**
 - **“*TO BEDISCREET, CHASTE, KEEPERS AT HOME, GOOD, OBEDIENT TO THE OWN HUSBANDS, THAT THE WORD OF GOD BE NOT BLASPHEMED*” (TITUS 2:5).**
 - **“*LIKEWISE, YE WIVES, BEIN 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*” (1 PETER 3:1).**

SUBMISSION

- **IS NOT ...**
 - **SLAVERY**
 - **BONDAGE**
 - **SUBJECTING ONESELF TO DEMEANING ABUSE**
- **IS ...**
 - **RECOGNIZING THE HUSBAND'S GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY TO LEAD THE HOME**
 - **FOLLOWING THE HUSBAND'S LEAD**
- **LEADERSHIP IS NOT DICTATORSHIP, NOR IS IT A LICENSE FOR ABUSE.**
- **BY DEFINITION, THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE LEADER IN THE HOME**
 - **BIBLICALLY SPEAKING, THIS LEADER SHOULD BE THE HUSBAND**

Greek: “hupotasso” (hoop-ot-as-so) (5293) meaning:

To obey; be subject unto; submit one’s self unto

- 1. Originally a Greek military term meaning to arrange (troop divisions) in a military fashion under the command of a leader;**
- 2. In non-military use, it was a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden.**

“(3) Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. (4) The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. (5) Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency” (1 Corinthians 7:3-5).

VERSE 23

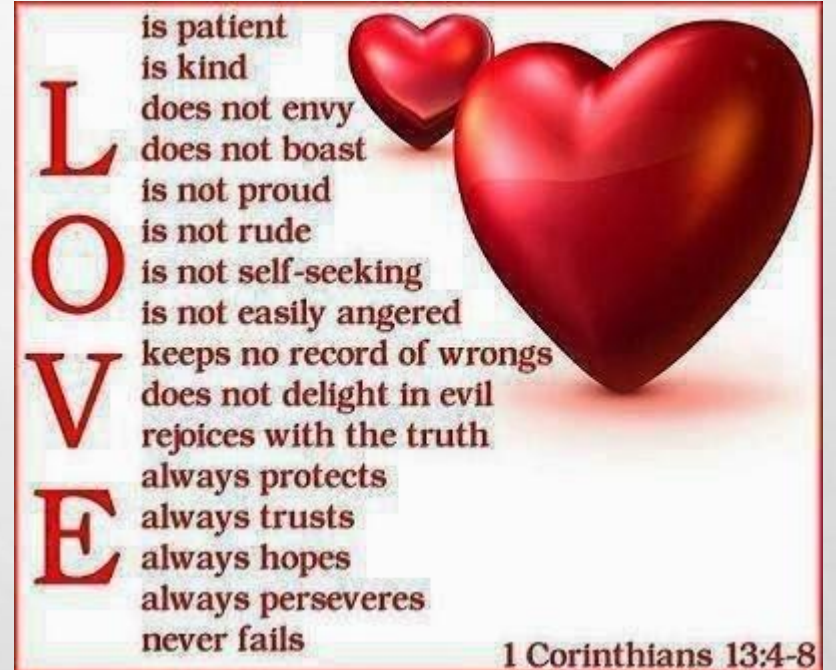
- **COMPARING MARRIAGE TO THE BOND OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH PLACED A MUCH STRONGER EMPHASIS ON MARRIAGE THAN DID THE SOCIETY IN WHICH PAUL LIVED, FOR IT DID NOT REQUIRE MONOGAMY.**
- **AS CHRIST IS “SAVIOUR OF THE BODY,” SO THE HUSBAND MUST BE THE PROTECTOR OF HIS BRIDE.**
- **HEALTHY HOMES PRODUCE A HEALTHY CHURCH.**
- **“BUT I WOULD HAVE YOU KNOW, THAT THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN IS CHRIST; AND THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN; AND THE HEAD OF CHRIST IS GOD” (1 CORINTHIANS 11:3)**

VERSE 24

- **PAUL REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WIFE'S DUTY, A DUTY NO LESS LOFTY THAN THE CHURCH'S SUBMISSION TO CHRIST.**
- **THE TRUE CHARACTER OF THE CHURCH IS BEST SEEN IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF HUSBAND AND WIFE.**

VERSE 25

- **THE HUSBAND'S OBLIGATION IS TO EXPRESS UNSELFISH LOVE, WHICH BRINGS BALANCE TO THE WIFE'S SUBMISSION.**
- **HE MUST PROVIDE A LOVING ATMOSPHERE BASED ON TOTAL CONCERN FOR HER WELFARE.**
- **SUBMISSION IS NOT POSSIBLE IN AN ABUSIVE SITUATION, BECAUSE SUBMISSION IS A CHOICE.**
- **THE HUSBAND'S DUTY IN MARRIAGE IS MUCH GREATER BECAUSE HIS MODEL IS MUCH GREATER.**



L is patient
O is kind
V does not envy
E does not boast
is not proud
is not rude
is not self-seeking
is not easily angered
keeps no record of wrongs
does not delight in evil
rejoices with the truth
always protects
always trusts
always hopes
always perseveres
never fails

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

VERSE 26

- **THROUGH THE CROSS JESUS CHRIST HAS MADE THE CHURCH HIS TRUE POSSESSION.**
- **“SANCTIFY” REFERS TO A CONTINUAL ACTION.**
- **“CLEANSE” IN THE GREEK IS AN AORIST (SIMPLE PAST) PARTICIPLE, REFERRING TO A PAST EVENT – LITERALLY “HAVING CLEANSED.”**
- **CHRIST’S PROVISION FOR HIS BRIDE BY HIS SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS INCLUDES BOTH THE REMOVAL OF PAST SIN AND THE ONGOING PROCESS OF SEPARATION FROM SIN IN THE PRESENT.**
- **“THAT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LAW MIGHT BE FULFILLED IN US, WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT” (ROMANS 8:4).**
- ***RHEMA (HRAY'-MAH) : SPOKEN WORD***
 - **IN CONTEXT, CHRIST CONTINUES TO SANCTIFY AND CLEANSE US (THE CHURCH) AS WE ARE HEARING THE WORD SPOKEN.**

VERSE 27

- **THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF CALVARY IS FOR CHRIST TO PRESENT TO HIMSELF A CHURCH THAT HAS BEEN TOTALLY PERFECTED AND IS ALTOGETHER LOVELY.**
- **VERSE 26 SAYS, *“LOOK AT WHAT CHRIST HAS ALREADY DONE AND IS DOING,”***
- **VERSE 27 SAYS, *“LOOK AT WHAT CHRIST SHALL DO.”***
 - **THESE TWO VERSES, AS WELL AS EPHESIANS 1:14, STATE THE THEME OF THE ENTIRE EPISTLE, DRAWING BACK THE VEIL TO LET US VIEW BOTH GOD’S PRESENT WORK IN THE CHURCH AND HIS FUTURE PROMISE FOR THE CHURCH.**

A THREEFOLD PRESENTATION OF THE CHURCH

1. THE INDIVIDUAL BELIEVER PRESENTS HIMSELF TO CHRIST FOR SALVATION AND SERVICE

- “I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD, *WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE*” (ROMANS 12:1).

2. PRESENT THE CHURCH TO CHRIST AS A CHASTE VIRGIN

- “FOR I AM JEALOUS OVER YOU WITH GODLY JEALOUSY: FOR I HAVE ESPOUSED YOU TO ONE HUSBAND, THAT I MAY PRESENT *YOU AS A CHASTE VIRGIN TO CHRIST*” (2 CORINTHIANS 11:2).

3. CHRIST PRESENTS THE CHURCH TO HIMSELF AS A BRIDE STANDING BEFORE HER HUSBAND ARRAYED IN THE FINEST APPAREL, RADIANT IN HER BEAUTY

- “[27] TO WHOM GOD WOULD MAKE KNOWN WHAT *IS THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF THIS MYSTERY AMONG THE GENTILES; WHICH IS CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY:* [28] WHOM WE PREACH, WARNING EVERY MAN, AND TEACHING EVERY MAN IN ALL WISDOM; THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY MAN PERFECT IN CHRIST JESUS” (COLOSSIANS 1:27-28).

VERSE 28

- **“SO” SAYS THAT THE EFFECT A HUSBAND’S LOVE HAS ON HIS WIFE IS SIMILAR, THOUGH IN A LIMITED WAY, TO THE EFFECT OF CHRIST’S LOVE UPON THE CHURCH.**
- ***BECAUSE OF HER HUSBAND’S LOVE, A WIFE WILL BE ABLE TO GROW AND FLOURISH.***
- **HIS LOVE MAKES SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL OUT OF HER LIFE.**
- ***THE HUSBAND IS NOT ONLY RESPONSIBLE TO TAKE CARE OF HIS WIFE IN THE NATURAL SENSE, BUT HE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR HER SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.***

VERSE 29

- **A MAN WHO MISTREATS HIS WIFE DESTROYS HIMSELF AND DEFEATS HIS OWN PURPOSE, RUINING HIS OWN OPPORTUNITIES FOR FULFILLMENT AND HAPPINESS IN LIFE AS WELL AS HERS.**
- **A MAN'S CARE FOR HIS FAMILY IS A MATTER OF SELF-PRESERVATION.**
- **IF HE MISTREATS HIS FAMILY, HE ULTIMATELY CAUSES HIS OWN HARM AND SELF-DESTRUCTION.**
- **THEREFORE, A MAN'S HIGHEST GOOD IS FOUND IN NOT JUST TAKING CARE OF HIMSELF BUT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN ALSO.**

VERSE 30

- **THE MARITAL RELATIONSHIP EXEMPLIFIES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHRIST AND THE CHURCH, ALLOWING THE CHURCH TO BECOME WHAT SHE IS INTENDED TO BE.**
- **THE CHURCH CANNOT REACH HER GREATEST POTENTIAL UNLESS ITS MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE IN PROPER ORDER.**
- **AS MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S BODY, WE ARE EXAMPLES TO THE WORLD OF CHRIST'S LOVE, AND WE SHOULD SHOW HIS LOVE IN OUR MARRIAGE.**
- **THE WIFE IS PART OF THE VERY LIFE OF HER HUSBAND. ANY DISLOYALTY AND UNFAITHFULNESS ON HER PART WILL DEVASTATE HIS LIFE AS SURELY AS HIS MISTREATMENT OF HER WOULD.**

VERSE 31

- **GOD'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE WAS NOT FOR IT TO END IN DIVORCE BUT FOR GOD TO BE GLORIFIED.**
- **QUOTING FROM THE TORAH, CHRIST USED GENESIS 2:24 TO TEACH THAT GOD'S INTENTION WAS FOR MAN AND WOMAN, ONCE MARRIED, TO STAY MARRIED UNTIL DEATH SEPARATED THEM. THEIR LIFE TOGETHER IN HARMONY AND LOVE WOULD PROVIDE THE BEST ENVIRONMENT FOR GODLY LIVING. SERVING GOD TOGETHER WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR BOTH TO SERVE THE LORD AND PROVIDE A PROPER ATMOSPHERE TO RAISE CHILDREN IN THE FEAR OF GOD. IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A NEW FAMILY, A MAN MUST LEAVE BEHIND HIS FORMER FAMILY.**

VERSE 32

- **THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHRIST AND THE CHURCH SERVES AS A PERFECT PATTERN FOR THE IDEAL MARRIAGE, WITH HUSBANDS AND WIVES WALKING TOGETHER IN LOVE AND WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE CAUSE OF JESUS CHRIST. MOREOVER, A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE SERVES TO POINT PEOPLE TO CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.**
- **THIS VERSE SHOWS THAT MARRIAGE IS NOT JUST AN EARTHLY CONTRACT BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE, BUT A DIVINE JOINING TOGETHER OF TWO PEOPLE INTO ONE NEW UNIT. MARRIAGE IS A GOD-ORDAINED INSTITUTION. BECAUSE OF THE CHURCH'S SPECIAL REVELATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MARRIAGE, SHE SHOULD HOLD THIS TRUTH IN HER SACRED TRUST, NEVER VIOLATING THE PRINCIPLE BY CONDONING ANY IMMORAL CONDUCT.**

VERSE 33: SOME PRACTICAL ADMONITIONS

HUSBANDS

- **LOVE HIS WIFE AS HIMSELF**
- **LOVE (GREEK: *AGAPĒ*) SACRIFICIALLY**
- **HE REPRESENTS JESUS CHRIST TO HIS FAMILY**

WIVES

- **BE LOYAL TO HER HUSBAND**
- **SHOW RESPECT FOR HIS POSITION**
- **HER SUBMISSION SERVES AS A PATTERN OF HOW TO LIVE AND ACT TOWARD THE LORD**

PARENTS AND CHILDREN (6:1-4)

“(1) CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD: FOR THIS IS RIGHT. (2) HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER; (WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH PROMISE;) (3) THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH THEE, AND THOU MAYEST LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH. (4) AND, YE FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO WRATH: BUT BRING THEM UP IN THE NURTURE AND ADMONITION OF THE LORD.”

VERSE 1: INSTRUCTION FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF CHILDREN

- **PAUL ADDRESSED CHRISTIAN HOMES IN WHICH BOTH PARENTS SERVE THE LORD**
- **WHAT IS DONE “IN THE LORD” WILL BE DONE FOR THE NURTURE AND BENEFIT OF THE CHILD.**
- **CHILDREN’S WILLING OBEDIENCE TO THEIR PARENTS SHOULD COME FROM THEIR LOVE FOR GOD, “FOR THIS IS RIGHT.”**
- **CHRIST SET THE EXAMPLE FOR THE HOME BY SUBMITTING TO HIS PARENTS (LUKE 2:51).**
- **THE FAMILY STRUCTURE IS A GOD-ORDAINED SHELTER IN WHICH PEOPLE FIND SAFETY AND PEACE, TO ALLOW THEM TO GROW AND FLOURISH.**

VERSE 2: THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

- **“HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE” (EXODUS 20:12).**
- **“HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER, AS THE LORD THY GOD HATH COMMANDED THEE; THAT THY DAYS MAY BE PROLONGED, AND THAT IT MAY GO WELL WITH THEE, IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE” (DEUTERONOMY 5:16).**
 - **CHILDREN SHOULD HONOR THEIR PARENTS AS WELL AS OBEY THEM.**
 - **WHEN HONOR IS GIVEN THE CHILD TAKES UPON HIMSELF A PERSONAL CONCERN FOR HIS PARENTS’ WELFARE.**

VERSE 3: THE PROMISE

- **WELL-BEING AND LONG LIFE FOR CHILDREN WHO OBEY THEIR PARENTS.**
- **THE GREATER ONE'S OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S LAW, THE LESS EXPOSURE TO THE HOSTILE ELEMENTS THAT THREATEN ONE'S WELL-BEING.**
- **SIN WILL STRIP ANY PERSON OF DIGNITY, DEMEANING THAT PERSON AND RUINING THE QUALITIES THAT MAKE LIFE TRULY ENJOYABLE.**

VERSE 4: MUTUAL OBLIGATION

- **NOT ONLY DO CHILDREN HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THEIR PARENTS, BUT PARENTS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THEIR CHILDREN.**
- **PARENTS CANNOT DEMAND HONOR AND OBEDIENCE OF THEIR CHILDREN; THEY MUST EARN IT BY PROVIDING A LOVING ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE FOR CHILDREN TO SHOW THEIR LOYALTY.**
 - **COLOSSIANS 3:21:**
“FATHERS, PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN *TO ANGER*, LEST THEY BE DISCOURAGED.”
- **DICTATORIAL CONTROL IN THE HOME WILL CAUSE ITS DESTRUCTION.**

A THREEFOLD OBLIGATION OF FATHERS TOWARD THEIR CHILDREN

- 1. “PROVOKE NOT YOUR CHILDREN TO WRATH.”**
 - **INSTEAD OF CULTIVATING ANGER BY HARSH, UNREASONABLE, AND ARBITRARY ACTIONS, PARENTS ARE TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN.**
 - **CHILDREN NEED THE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR PARENTS.**
- 2. “BRING THEM UP IN THE NURTURE . . . OF THE LORD.”**
 - **THE WORD “NURTURE” COMES FROM THE GREEK WORD *PAIDEIA*, WHICH MEANS “DISCIPLINE.”**
 - **PARENTS MUST COUPLE ENCOURAGEMENT WITH DISCIPLINE.**
 - **CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT TAUGHT PROPER DISCIPLINE, EVEN THOUGH THEY FEEL ACCEPTED, WILL NOT PROSPER.**
- 3. “BRING THEM UP IN THE . . . ADMONITION OF THE LORD.”**
 - **THE WORD “ADMONITION” COMES FROM THE GREEK WORD *NOUTHESIA*, WHICH MEANS “INSTRUCTION.”**
 - **PARENTS NEED TO TEACH THEIR CHILDREN TO LOVE, RESPECT, AND OBEY GOD.**
 - **THE PARENTS’ LIVES SHOULD PROVIDE A PATH FOR THE CHILDREN TO FOLLOW.**

MASTERS AND SLAVES (6:5-9)

“(5) SERVANTS, BE OBEDIENT TO THEM THAT ARE YOUR MASTERS ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING, IN SINGLENESS OF YOUR HEART, AS UNTO CHRIST; (6) NOT WITH EYESERVICE, AS MENPLEASERS; BUT AS THE SERVANTS OF CHRIST, DOING THE WILL OF GOD FROM THE HEART; (7) WITH GOOD WILL DOING SERVICE, AS TO THE LORD, AND NOT TO MEN: (8) KNOWING THAT WHATSOEVER GOOD THING ANY MAN DOETH, THE SAME SHALL HE RECEIVE OF THE LORD, WHETHER HE BE BOND OR FREE. (9) AND, YE MASTERS, DO THE SAME THINGS UNTO THEM, FORBEARING THREATENING: KNOWING THAT YOUR MASTER ALSO IS IN HEAVEN; NEITHER IS THERE RESPECT OF PERSONS WITH HIM.”

VERSE 5

- **WHILE SLAVERY HAS BEEN ABOLISHED, THE PRINCIPLES TAUGHT HERE HAVE RELEVANCE TODAY FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.**
- **PAUL URGED THE SERVANTS TO BE OBEDIENT TO THEIR MASTERS, “AS UNTO CHRIST.” THEY ARE NOT REALLY SERVING THEIR EARTHLY MASTERS, WHO ONLY HAVE AUTHORITY “ACCORDING TO THE FLESH,” BUT THEIR MASTER IN HEAVEN.**
- **THEY ARE TO DO THEIR JOB WITH “FEAR AND TREMBLING, IN SINGLENESS OF HEART.” WHEN CHRISTIANS ARE ON THE JOB, THEY SHOULD DEVOTE ALL THE ATTENTION TO DOING THEIR VERY BEST BECAUSE THEY ARE A WITNESS FOR THE CHURCH AND REPRESENT JESUS CHRIST TO THE WORLD.**

VERSE 6

- **SERVANTS ARE TO GIVE THEIR WORK THE UTMOST ATTENTION, WHETHER THEIR MASTER IS WATCHING THEM OR NOT.**
- **A TRUE CHRISTIAN KNOWS THAT HIS WORK EXEMPLIFIES HIS WALK WITH GOD.**
- **AS A SERVANT OF THE LORD HE PERFORMS HIS DUTIES, KNOWING THAT THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR HIS LIFE, AND HE DOES IT FROM THE HEART.**

VERSE 7

- **SERVANTS SHOULD BE READY AND WILLING TO DO THEIR JOB, NOT GRUDGINGLY, BUT “WILL GOOD WILL.”**
- **AGAIN, PAUL STRESSED THAT THEY SHOULD PERFORM THEIR TASKS FOR THE LORD AND NOT MERELY FOR MEN.**
- **UPON THEIR SHOULDERS THEY CARRY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENTING JESUS CHRIST TO THEIR MASTER AND HIS HOUSEHOLD, WHICH CARRIES WITH IT THE GREATER PURPOSE OF BEING A WITNESS OF GOD’S GRACE.**
- **A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE, WHICH BRINGS GLORY TO GOD, ULTIMATELY SERVES AS A WITNESS THAT JESUS IS LORD.**

VERSE 8

- **THE PRINCIPLE DISCUSSED IN THIS VERSE APPLIES TO ALL PEOPLE, WHETHER THEY ARE SERVANTS OR MASTERS, IN SLAVERY OR FREEDOM. IF IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD SOMEONE PERFORMS A GOOD DEED, GOD IN HEAVEN, WHO IS THE MASTER OF ALL, WILL REWARD HIM. JESUS TAUGHT THIS PRINCIPLE WHEN HE SAID,**
 - **“AND WHOSOEVER SHALL GIVE TO DRINK UNTO ONE THESE LITTLE ONES A CUP OF COLD WATER ONLY IN THE NAME OF A DISCIPLE, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, HE SHALL IN NO WISE LOSE HIS REWARD” (MATTHEW 10:42).**
- **ALL SERVICE IS TO BE RENDERED WITH THIS TRUTH IN MIND – THAT GOD IS THE TRUE REWARDER OF THOSE WHO DILIGENTLY PERFORM THEIR CHRISTIAN DUTIES WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE. THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY DOES NOT AFFECT PEOPLE NEARLY AS MUCH AS THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT IS DONE.**
- **EVEN THOUGH THE WORK IS DIFFICULT AND THE MASTER INCORRIGIBLE, THE SERVANT IS TO WORK CHEERFULLY, FOR GOD WILL REWARD HIM.**
- **THE REVERSE IS ALSO TRUE:**
 - **“BUT HE THAT DOETH WRONG SHALL RECEIVE FOR THE WRONG WHICH HE HATH DONE: AND THERE IS NO RESPECT OF PERSONS” (COLOSSIANS 3:25).**

VERSE 9

- **MASTERS ARE TO TREAT THEIR SERVANTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS SERVANTS ARE TO TREAT THEIR MASTERS**
 -
 - **WITH FAIRNESS,**
 - **DILIGENCE,**
 - **RESPECT, AND**
 - **OBEDIENCE TO GOD.**
- **THEY MUST FOREGO THREATS OF ABUSE OR, EVEN WORSE, CARRYING OUT THOSE THREATS.**
- **THE MASTER MUST TREAT HIS SERVANTS IN A WAY THAT WOULD BE PLEASING TO THE LORD, KNOWING THAT GOD WILL JUDGE HIM BY THE SAME STANDARD THAT HE WILL USE FOR EVERYONE ELSE.**

NEXT WEEK:

THE BRIDE'S STANDING IN CHRIST,

STANDING CLOTHED IN THE ARMOR & PRAYER

CONCLUSION