

1-Marriage:

1-The marriage relation stands first in that it is:

- 1-It is the basis of the family.
- 2-It is the basis of society and of the community of mankind.

2-The degree of honor and reverence in which it is held in any society largely determines the degree of soundness in its moral condition.

2-Colossians 3:18...Wives submit yourselves to your own husbands.....

1-Colossians 3:20;22;

2-Children obey your parents...Servants obey your masters...NOT--Wives obey your husbands

3-In marriage ceremonies we sometime say:

- 1-Do you promise to obey him after the ordinance of the Lord...implies submission not obey as we use the word obey....

4-So on one side (the wife's side) there is to be submission.

- 1-Be in subjection is a gentler term to use.
- 2-Obedience implies a certain distance and inferiority that has no place here.
- 3-There is something wrong on one side, or on both, when the husband gives formal orders to his wife.

5-The husband and wife are one in God's sight.

- 1-There should be mutual understanding and sympathy.
- 2-They should be of one mind and will in all common matters.
- 3-And while to that single mind the wife contributes the queenly influence of her insight and persuasion, she will feel and show that resolve and direction belong to him and not to her.

6-By the ordinance of God, the final responsibility for the business of the house devolves on the husband. 1-Tim 3:4; The husband is to rule well his own house.

3-Husbands love your wives. Consider the characteristics of a husbands love toward his wife.

1-It is peculiar in its nature.

- 1-It is unlike the love of parent or child.
- 2-It is unlike the love of friend or neighbor
- 3-He is to love his wife even as himself.

2-The husbands love toward his wife must be:

- 1-Single, exclusive and undivided in its object.
- 2-The husband is to devote to his one wife all the affection of his life.

Proverbs 5:18;

Rejoice with the wife of thy youth

3-The husbands love toward his wife is to be considerate and tender, excluding all bitterness..

1-Colossians 3:19;

Husbands love your wives and be not bitter against them.

2-Some one has said:

Wherever bitterness is, there love is wanting. And where love is wanting in the married life, there is hell upon earth.

4-The husbands love toward ^{The wife} is to be constant and lasting.

1-The wife's love is presupposed, though else where it is expressly commanded. Titus 2:4; Wives love your husbands.

5-The last characteristic of the husband's love toward the wife.

Ephesians 5:25;

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.

1-The husband's love and duty to the wife must correspond to Christ's love for the church.

2-Christ did not merely pity the church..

but loved her. Her image was stamped on his heart and graven on his hands. He gave himself for her. Her happiness and welfare

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