Ephesians 5:22-6:4

I. **The Biblical Family**

 A. **Wives, submit to your own husbands…**

Gen. 2:18 - And the Lord God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.

Prov. 31:23 - Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

I Cor. 11:7 - For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.

 I Cor. 11:9 - Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

Eph. 5:33 - …the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

I Pet. 3:6 - as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good ..

I Tim. 2:11-14 - Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. **12**And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. **13**For Adam was formed first, then Eve. **14**And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

Titus 2:4-5 - that they admonish the young women to…be..obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

 B. **Husbands, love your wives**

Gen. 2:18 - And the Lord God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

Gen. 18:19 - For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord…

Exodus 1:1 - Now these *are* the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob:

 Psalm 127 and 128

Eph. 5:23 – For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church…

I Cor. 11:3 - But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God.

 Col. 3:19 - Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

I Tim. 3:4 - one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence.

 C. **Children obey your parents…honor your father and mother**

Ex. 20:12 –“Honor your father and your mother…

 Ex. 21:15 – And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

 Ex. 21:17 – And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

Prov. 20:20 – Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

Prov. 30:17 – The eye *that* mocks *his* father, And scorns obedience to *his* mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it.

Num. 30:5 - But if her father overrules her on the day that he hears, then none of her vows nor her agreements by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the Lord will release her, because her father overruled her.

Deut. 21:18-21 - …**20**And they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’ **21**Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death with stones..

 D. **Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord**

 Deut. 6:5-9

 Psalm 78:2-7

Prov. 29:15 - The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But a child left *to himself* brings shame to his mother.

Prov. 23:26 - My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.

Col. 3:21 - Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

**II. Hindrances to Hearing the Word of God**

1. Absence of the Spirit

I Cor. 2:14 - But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned.

1. Affection for the World

I John 2:15 - Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1. Abundance of Pride

James 1:21 - Therefore lay aside all filthiness and [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+1%3B21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30288d)]overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.