Household Relationships (Part 1)

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Three Aspects

- The Framework
- The Instruction
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- 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

The Framework

ESV - 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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NIV - 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- 22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

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15Βλέπετε οὖν ἀκριβῶς πῶς περιπατεῖτε μὴ ὡς ἄσοφοι ἀλλ' ὡς σοφοί, 16ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρόν, ὅτι αἱ ἡμέραι πονηραί εἰσιν. 17διὰ τοῦτο μὴ γίνεσθε ἄφρονες, ἀλλὰ συνίετε τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ κυρίου. 18καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνῳ, ἐν ῷ ἐστιν ἀσωτία, ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι, 19λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς [ἐν] ψαλμοῖς καὶ ὕμνοις καὶ ὡδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, ἄδοντες καὶ ψάλλοντες τῆ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν τῷ κυρίῳ, 20εὐχαριστοῦντες πάντοτε ὑπὲρ πάντων ἐν ὀνόματι τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ τῷ θεῷ καὶ πατρί.

21 Υποτασσόμενοι άλλήλοις έν φόβω Χριστοῦ 22 αἱ γυναῖκες τοῖς ἰδίοις ἀνδράσιν ὡς τῷ κυρίῳ, 23 ὅτι ἀνήρ ἐστιν κεφαλὴ τῆς γυναικὸς ὡς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς κεφαλὴ τῆς ἐκκλησίας, αὐτὸς σωτὴρ τοῦ σώματος · 24 ἀλλ' ὡς ἡ ἐκκλησία ὑποτάσσεται τῷ Χριστῷ, οὕτως καὶ αἱ γυναῖκες τοῖς ἀνδράσιν ἐν παντί.

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 in the lord with your heart, 2 everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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The Instruction

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"Submission" in Paul's letters

Rom 10:3 - 3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

Rom 13:1 - 1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

1 Cor 15:27 - 27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.

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Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than men"

The Model

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"Head" in Paul's letters

1 Cor 11:3 - 3 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

1 Eph 1:22-23 - 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Col 2:10 - 10 and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

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21 and subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ. 22 Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

Conclusion

Phil 2:6-9

"6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."