

Fresh Family

Fresh Start #3 - Pastor Gary Combs – January 24, 2016 – Ephesians 5:22-6:4

Ephesians 5:22-6:4 (ESV) ²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. ^{6:1}Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

HOW TO FOLLOW GOD'S PLAN FOR THE FAMILY:

1. WIVES: _____ to your husband in the Lord.

Colossians 3:18 (ESV) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Titus 2:4-5 (NIV84) ... train the younger women to love their husbands ... and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

1 Peter 3:1-2 (NIV84) Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

2. HUSBANDS: _____ your wife in the Lord.

How should the husband love his wife?

1) Love like the _____.

2) Lead like a _____.

Colossians 3:19 (ESV) Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

1 Peter 3:7 (ESV) Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

3. CHILDREN: _____ your parents in the Lord.

Colossians 3:20 (ESV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

4. PARENTS: _____ your children in the Lord.

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV) Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (NIV84) For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.