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"COME UP, GROW UP, & GET TO WORK! – Pt. 7"
["Grow Up!" Pt. 4 (Ephesians 5:21-6:9)]
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INTRO: This series is based on the book of Ephesians. You must *Come Up* to *Grow Up*, and you must *Grow Up* (4:15) to effectively *Get to Work*. This morning we're going to finish the ***"Grow Up!"*** theme by working our way through Eph. 5:21-6:9 which is about ***God's order in the home & marketplace***.

I. GOD'S ORDER FOR MARRIAGE (Eph. 5:21-33).

INTRO: Life works better following God's order.
1. There's a strong attack on marriage & family for the purpose of deconstructing & redefining.
2. God's order requires mutual submission in a broader community of believers (v. 21).
3. These principles only work properly if we're living a lifestyle of mutual respect & submission (v. 21).
4. This text has been largely misunderstood & misused.
5. This text wasn't given as a means of manipulation!

A. God's Instructions for Wives (Eph. 5:22-24).
1. This passage is not addressed to husbands!
2. Wives are to support the leadership of their husband as a means of submitting to the Lord.
3. The exception is if the husband wants her to do something that would displease the Lord.
4. The husband is called to accept the responsibility of healthy leadership of the family, with the wife called to help him do that (*"helpmate"*).
   A. Christ modelled headship by sacrificing for us.
   B. Husbands should do the same!

B. God's Instructions for Husbands (Eph. 5:25-33a).
1. This passage is not addressed to wives!
2. Husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loved the church – He gave Himself for her (v. 25).
3. This kind of love brings out her radiance (vv. 26-27).
4. Husbands are called to love their wives as they own bodies (v. 28).
5. Husbands are to nourish & cherish their wife (v. 29).
6. A husband is to take responsibility to help his wife feel emotionally & relationally connected to him without allowing his parents to interfere (v. 31).

Love & Respect Summary (v. 33):
1. The primary focus for the husband is to ***love*** his wife as himself (v. 33a).
2. The primary focus for the wife is to ***respect*** her husband (v. 33b).

II. GOD'S ORDER FOR CHILDREN (Eph. 6:1-4).

A. God's Instructions to Children (Eph. 6:1-3).
1. Children are to ***obey & honor*** their parents, which results in life going better.

B. God's instructions to Fathers (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21).
1. Fathers are to make sure they don't misuse their position of authority over their children by being too hard or harsh resulting in crushing their spirit (becoming resentful) (Prov. 15:13; 18:14).
2. Fathers are to properly train their children (v. 4).

III. GOD'S ORDER FOR THE MARKETPLACE (Eph. 6:5-9)

A. Instructions for Employees (Eph. 6:5-8)
1. Employees should be sincerely submitted to whoever is over them as unto Christ (v. 5).
2. Work as hard when no one is watching (vv. 6-7).
3. God will reward you accordingly (v. 8)!

B. Instructions for Employers (Eph. 6:9)
1. Treat employees fairly & respectfully (v. 9).

CONCLUSION: Are there any adjustments you need to make in your marriage, family or workplace?