

# THE HOME THAT *HONOURS* HEAVEN

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<sup>21</sup> ... submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

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**<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so 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. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.**

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<sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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<sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup> “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” <sup>4</sup> **Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.**

# QUESTIONS FOR *REFLECTION & DISCUSSION*

- 1) How does reverence for Christ help us practise mutual submission in our families?
- 2) In what ways can marriage become a visible picture of the Gospel to children and others?
- 3) Which part of H.O.M.E. (*Humility, Open Ordinances, Model Mercy, Eternal Eyes*) is most challenging for you right now?
- 4) What is one practical change you can make this week to help your home honour heaven more fully?

# **3 FOUNDATIONS** ***OF A GODLY HOME***



- 1) The Principle of Mutual Submission (Eph. 5:21)***
- 2) The Pattern of Marital Mirroring (Eph. 5:22-32)***
- 3) The Purpose of Parental Pastoring (Eph. 6:4)***

# 1. THE PRINCIPLE OF *MUTUAL SUBMISSION*

EPHESIANS 5:21:

*SUBMITTING  
TO ONE  
ANOTHER  
OUT OF  
REVERENCE  
FOR CHRIST.*

- Submission is the soil in which healthy relationships grow.
- It is humbly, voluntarily putting the needs of others ahead of ourselves, out of deep love, respect and obedience to Christ.
- Practically, it is to surrender one's own preferences, pride, and comfort to serve the needs of a brother or sister as a worship unto the Lord.

# 1. THE PRINCIPLE OF *MUTUAL SUBMISSION*

## *JESUS OUR PERFECT ROLE MODEL*

- Almighty Creator of the Universe | JOHN 1:1-2
- Submitted to the authority of the Roman oppressors | MARK 12:17
- Obedient to His earthly parents | LUKE 2:51
- Acknowledged John the Baptist's authority to baptize Him | MATT. 3:15
- Humbled Himself in washing His disciples' feet | JOHN 13:15-16
- Did the will of the Father to finish his work" | JOHN 17:4

# 2. THE PATTERN OF *MARITAL MIRRORING*

*EPHESIANS 5:22-32*

- Marriage is God's living illustration of the Gospel and of Christ and His church.
- The Husband's Calling (Eph 5:25-32): Love as Christ loved the Church - sacrificially, faithfully, unconditionally.
- The Wife's Calling (Eph 5:22-24): Reflect the Church's loving response to Christ.
- 4 Toxic Communication Patterns That Destroy Marriages...
- 10 Keys to a Successful Marriage...

# MARRIAGE *DESTRUCTORS* BY JOHN GOTTMAN

## 4 TOXIC COMMUNICATION PATTERNS THAT DESTROY MARRIAGES:

- **CONTEMPT**: Treating partner with disrespect, mocking, acting superior. (**SHAME**: *“You’re pathetic”*)
- **CRITICISM**: Attacking partner’s character or personality instead of addressing specific behaviour. (**BLAME**: *“You always ruin everything”*)
- **DEFENSIVENESS**: Making excuses or playing victim to avoid taking responsibility for a conflict. (**DEFLECT**: *“You made me do it”*)
- **STONEWALLING**: Withdrawing, shutting down communication. (**DISCONNECT**: *Silent treatment; walking away*)

# 10 KEYS TO A *SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE*

BY PS KEN KILINSKI

- *Talk (nicely)* with each other.
- *Tell* each other, “I love you.”
- *Touch* each other.
- *Tantalise* each other.
- *Tolerate* each other.
- *Trust* each other.
- *Treat* each other.
- *Treasure* each other.
- *Thank* each other.
- *Track* with each other.

# 3. THE PURPOSE OF *PARENTAL PASTORING*

EPHESIANS 6:4

*FATHERS, DO NOT PROVOKE YOUR CHILDREN TO ANGER, BUT BRING THEM UP IN THE DISCIPLINE AND INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD*

- Parents as ‘Spiritual Shepherds.’
- Discipline changes behaviour. Discipleship changes the heart.
- *"If we do not teach our children, the devil will."*  
Charles Spurgeon
- Children do not learn automatically. They must be disciplined. | Luke 2:52
- Even Jesus submitted to His parents. | Luke 2:51

# ***GODLY PARENTING***

- 1) **Teach** them, using God's Word | Deut. 6:4-9
- 2) **Tell** them what's right and wrong | 1 Kings 1:6
- 3) **See** them as gifts from God | Ps. 127:3
- 4) **Guide** them in godly ways | Prov. 22:6
- 5) **Discipline** them | Prov. 29:17
- 6) **Love** them unconditionally | Luke 15:11-32
- 7) **Do not provoke** them to anger | Eph. 6:4
- 8) **Earn their respect** by example | 1 Tim. 3:4
- 9) **Provide** for their physical needs | 1 Tim. 5:8
- 10) **Pass your faith along** to them | 2 Tim. 1:5

# \* APPLICATION : *H.O.M.E*

## **HUMILITY FIRST:**

*"How can I serve my family today?"* Be first to apologise, forgive, reconcile. Humility extinguishes conflict before it becomes a wildfire. | Phil. 2:3-5

## **OPEN ORDINANCES:**

Keep God's Word and prayer at the centre of your home. Establish the family altar. | 2 Tim. 3:16-17, 1 Thess. 5:17

## **MODEL MERCY:**

Let your children see grace in action. Let them hear: *"I'm sorry." "Please forgive me."* Children learn mercy when they see mercy. | Eph. 4:32

## **ETERNAL EYES:**

Parent with eternity in mind: 'first things first' and character. | Matt. 6:33

# ***SUMMARY***

## **1) (MUTUAL) SUBMISSION IS THE SOIL**

*Everything grows from humility before Christ.*

## **2) MARRIAGE IS THE MIRROR**

*It reflects Christ's love to the world.*

## **3) PARENTING IS THE PATHWAY**

*It disciplines the next generation for Jesus.*

# ***RESPONSE***

- **Return** to Christ
- **Reinforce** Your Marriage
- **Recommit** to discipling the Next Generation
- **Receive** God's Mercy