

Family Commands

God's Commands For the Family

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Introduction

This Bible study is the main resource that I use for couples who need marriage help, and it goes well with the "Submission" Bible Study in exhorting and helping couples fight for Biblical families. [Premarital couples: See [Official Premarital Bible Study](#) (below) for powerful Truth in pursuing purity]. When you add the [Divorce and Remarriage](#) teaching to this, it becomes even more helpful in propelling you to fight for your first marriage because God Himself defends it, makes it permanent for life no matter what, and shows that remarriage is never an option apart from death.

Husbands and Wives

The Profound Mystery of Marriage

[Eph 5:22-33 EMTV](#) Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord, [23](#) because the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. [24](#) But just as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives be to their own husbands in everything. [25](#) Husbands, love your own wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, [26](#) in order that He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of water by the word, [27](#) that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and blameless. [28](#) So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he that loves his own wife loves himself. [29](#) For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as also the Lord does the church. [30](#) For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. [31](#) "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." [32](#) This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and to the church. [33](#) Nevertheless you also individually, let each one love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respect her husband.

Eph 6:1-4 EMTV Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise: **3** "that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth." **4** And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and admonition of the Lord... **12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *forces* of evil in the heavenlies.

Col 3:16-21 WEB Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord. **17** Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through him. **18** Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. **19** Husbands, love your wives, and don't be bitter against them. **20** Children, obey your parents in all things, for this pleases the Lord. **21** Fathers, don't provoke your children, so that they won't be discouraged.

Tit 2:4-5 EMTV so that they may urge the young women to be lovers of their husbands, lovers of their children, **5** temperate, pure, homemakers, good, submitting to their own husbands, lest the word of God be blasphemed.

Pastor

1Ti 3:4-5 EMTV one **ruling** his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence; **5** (for if one does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);

Deacons

1Ti 3:11-12 EMTV Likewise their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. **12** Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, **ruling** their children well, and their own houses.

The Courageous Wife, Suffering Under a Lost Husband

1Pe 3:1-7 EMTV Wives, likewise, subject yourselves to your own husbands, so that even if some are disobedient to the word, *that* by the conduct of their wives, without a word, they shall be gained *for Christ*, **2** when they observe your chaste conduct with fear. **3** Of whom let it not be the outward adorning of braiding of hair, and wearing of gold, or of putting on of *fine* clothes, **4** rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *attitude* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious before God. **5** For thus formerly, the holy women who hoped on God also adorned themselves, subjecting themselves to their own husbands, **6** as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, of whom you became children, when you do good and are not afraid of any terror. **7** Husbands, likewise, live together according to knowledge as with a weaker vessel, with the wife, showing her honor as also a fellow heir of the grace of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered.

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Children

These are my shorthand, personal notes of Bible verses for Children

Children in General

Exo 20:12 WEB Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which Yahweh your God gives you.

Lev 19:3 WEB Each one of you shall respect his mother and his father.

Pro 15:5 MKJV A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who listens to correction is wise.

Pro 23:22 WEB Listen to your father who gave you life, And don't despise your mother when she is old.

Pro 30:17 WEB The eye that mocks at his father, And scorns obedience to his mother: The ravens of the valley shall pick it out, The young eagles shall eat it.

Pro 1:8 WEB My son, listen to your father's instruction, And don't forsake your mother's teaching:

Lots of Children Are a Blessing

Psa 127:3-5

Pro 17:6; Psa 128:3-4;

Others:

Gen 1:28, Gen 15:4, Gen 15:5 - look at stars; Gen 24:60 - Mother of thousands; Gen 30:1-2 - children or I die!; Gen 33:5, Gen 41:51, Gen 41:52, Gen 48:4; Gen 50:23; Deu 28:4; Jos 24:3-4; 1Sa 1:19, 1Sa 1:20, 1Sa 1:27, 1Sa 2:20, 1Sa 2:21; 1Ch 28:5; Isa 8:18; Job 1:2, Job 42:12-16

Children - From Reproach to Reward

Gen 30:22-23; 1Sa 1:5-6; Luk 1:24-25

But also Consider The Blessing of Celibacy

Isa 54:1-4; Mat 19:10-12; 1Co 7:1; 1Co 7:6-9; 1Co 7:25-38;

No Abortion

Luk 1:23-44; Luk 1:56-58

Abortion Linked With Idolatry

2Ki 16:3; 2Ki 23:10; 2Ch 33:6; Eze 16:20-21

Others:

2Ki 17:17; Lev 18:21, Lev 20:2; Deu 12:31, Deu 18:10; Psa 106:37; Psa 106:38; Jer 32:35 — Such murder never even came into God's mind to do; Eze 16:21, Eze 20:26, Eze 20:31

Punishment of Children

Pro 3:12 - Scourges every received son

Heb 12:6-12 - Quotes Pro 3:12 [LXX](#) (not the Heb. [MT](#))

Pro 13:20 - Companion of fools

Pro 13:24 - No rod = hate son
Pro 19:18 - Punish while hope (MT: 'no spare for crying')
Pro 20:11 - **LXX**: youth restrained (MT: 'children can know')
Pro 22:6 - Not in **LXX** (MT: 'train up')
Pro 22:15 - Folly bound up... rod
Pro 23:13-14 - He will not die
Pro 23:24 - **LXX**: Righteous father brings up well; **Both**: father of wise = joy (Pro 27:11)
Pro 29:15 - **LXX**: "Erring child" (MT: Left to himself) = shame
Pro 29:17 - Correct son, he give you good
Eph 6:1-4 - Children obey... Father's... no provoking... but discipline

[Pro 20:30 - **LXX**: bad happens to bad (MT: blueness of wound)]

Coming of Age/ Bar Mitzvah

Gal 4:1-2 - Happens to boys (even among gentiles) at "the time appointed by the father"

Num 30:2 – "Of Age" Means you're personally responsible for your own actions, especially in view of God's Law
(See all of Num 30)

Joh 9:20-21 - He is of age... He will speak for himself

1Co 11:3 – The head/ authority of every (grown) man [ἀνδρὸς] is Anointed One ("Christ")

Greek: ἀνδρὸς – this does not include boys [παῖδας], girls [παιδικῶν], or even women [γυναικῆς], but every MAN [ἀνδρὸς].

1Co 13:11 – Grown Men: put away childish things

Jesus Observed Bar Mitzvah (The Jewish Coming of Age)

Luk 2:40-52; Especially:

Luk 2:7 – Jesus Born

Luk 2:22-24 – Jesus dedicated as a child

Luk 2:42 – Twelve years old

Luk 2:46-47 – Jesus did *Bar Mitzvah*

Luk 2:51 – Voluntary, re-subjection to parents

Jesus and His Mother

Mar 3:20-21 – Mother & brothers incited against Jesus

Mar 3:31-34 – Jesus acts contrary to His mother's wishes

Solomon and His Mother

1Ki 2:19 – Solomon honors her

1Ki 2:20-25 – Solomon does not yield his male authority as king to his mother

Grown Sons Had a Choice

[Gen 43:1-5](#) – Judah made conditions

[Luk 15:11-13](#) – The younger brother made a choice...

[Luk 15:25-32](#) – The older brother also had a choice...

Bar Mitzvah is when a male child in Jewish culture comes of age. Although most observe this at 13, it seems to have been originally recognized at 12 years old—which is what Jesus observed and recognized [Luk 2:42](#). It should be noted that women do not *come of age*. Women do not have a *bar mitzvah*, and it is only more recently in history that apostate liberals have invented a shameful *bat mitzvah* in their degradation of women. Any concept like this is liberal and unfounded in Biblical history. While boys become men, girls are transferred from their fathers to their husbands (See all of [Num 30](#)).

Though boys “graduate” into being men, from being under authority to becoming authorities, no son or daughter ever graduates from honoring their parents ([Eph 6:1-3](#); [Col 3:20](#)).



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