

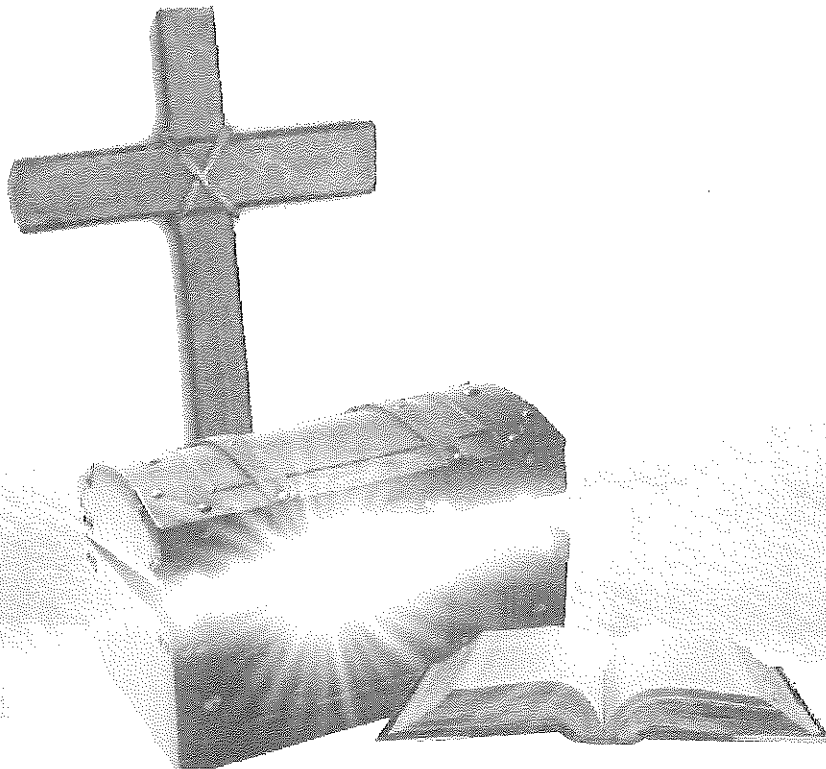
TRUE TREASURES

LESSON 15

The *Treasure* of Right Relationships 1

“However, let each one of you love his wife as himself,
and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”

Ephesians 5:33
(ESV)



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Ephesians 5:22-33

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A NEEDED TEACHING

A. It is **counter** cultural.

"In the modern American family, male and female roles have shifted and reorganized so extensively that some families appear to have no idea who is supposed to do what!"

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B. We need to understand the **context**.

1. We need to be **filled** with the Spirit.
2. We need to **submit** to one another.
3. This is a **picture** of Jesus and the Church.

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS FOR WIVES

A. What is the **reason** for submission?

5:22-23

1. It is God's **mandated** headship.
2. It is a **reflection** of Jesus' headship.

B. What is the **nature** of submission?

5:24

1. What it isn't.
 - a. It is NOT **gender** inequality.
 - b. It is NOT **uncritical** obedience.

2. What is it?
 - a. It is willing **acknowledgment** of headship.
 - b. It is **understanding** the call of God.
 - c. It is a **commitment**.
 - d. It is **unconditional**.

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS FOR HUSBANDS

5:25-32

A. What is the call of **headship**?

B. What is the **nature** of love?

1. **Sacrificial**
2. **Purifying**
3. **Forgiving**
4. **Caring**
5. **Unbreakable**

SUMMARIZING THE TREASURES WE POSSESS

5:33

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 16

"I'll lend you for a little while a child of mine, God said. It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three, but will you...take care of him for me?"

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Read Ephesians 6:1-4.

Day 1

1. What is the central truth of this passage?

2. What are some key words in this passage? What is their significance?

Day 2

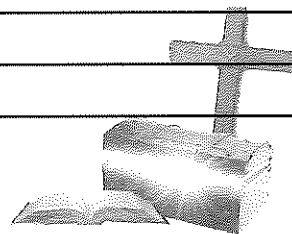
3. What is God's instruction to children according to verse 1? What is the reason for it according to verse 1b?

4. What is the instruction of 6:4a? What are some ways that parents "provoke" their children?

Day 3

5. What are parents to do "instead..." according to verse 4b? Give practical ways that parents can implement that instruction.

6. What are some ways to "train in the Lord" in verse 4b? See Proverbs 22:6 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9.



Day 4

7. What are some reasons it is so hard for parents to "train in the Lord" in our culture today? How should a Christian respond to a difficult task?

8. What is the promise that is mentioned in verses 2-3? What are some practical reasons that the promise can be true?

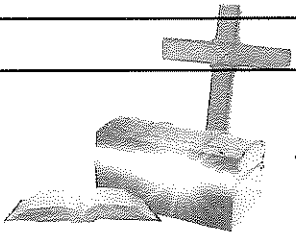
Day 5

9. How do these teachings relate to us as adult "children"? What are our responsibilities? How does this relate to last week's lesson on marriage?

10. Why are these teachings so important even to single adults without children?

11. What specific lesson is God teaching you through the study of this passage? How will it change you?

12. Describe in practical terms the treasure you possess through Christ, according to this passage?



OPTIONAL:

For further study read I Samuel 1 and 2:12-26 and compare the households of Hannah and Eli. What was the outcome of their parenting styles? What are some important family principles you see played out in these families? How do they practically apply to you?

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE: Memorize Ephesians 6:1 and 4b.