

TITLE: Colossians (Lesson 15)

TEXT: Col. 3:18-19

INTRO: “The story is told of a woman who was browsing in a Christian bookstore one day when she discovered a shelf of reduced items. Among them, was a figurine of a man and a woman, their heads lovingly tilted toward one another. On the bottom was the inscription: ‘Happy 10th Anniversary.’ It appeared to be in perfect condition, yet the tag on the figurine said, ‘DAMAGED.’ When the woman turned the tag over, she read this explanation: ‘Wife is coming unglued.’”
David Jeremiah

I. (vs. 18) Instruction to Wives

A. The concept of submission.

1. Submission is evidence of a Spirit controlled life.

NOTE: Eph. 5:18-21

2. Jesus modeled submission even to the point of death.

NOTE: Phil. 2:5-8

3. Submission is a Christian virtue.

B. The center of submission.

1. Submission begins by submitting to the highest authority (God).

NOTE: James 4:7; Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18

2. The wife’s primary relationship is with the Lord, then husband.

C. The context of submission.

1. “Wives, submit yourselves unto your *own* husbands...”

NOTE: Concerning our relationship with Christ all believers are the same. Gal. 3:27-28
However in marriage God has called the husband to exercise leadership.

2. It is one ingredient to a good marriage.

NOTE: “Peace in my marriage finally came when I quit looking for peace with my husband and started looking for peace with God.”

Edie Wadsworth

II. (vs. 19) Instruction to Husbands

A. Love your wife with a *Christ like heart of love*.(do not be harsh with them)

B. Love your wife *unconditionally*.

NOTE: Eph. 5:25a The love of Christ for His church is beyond understanding. He suffered and ultimately gave all that He had for such an imperfect Church.

C. Love your wife *sacrificially*.

NOTE: Eph. 5:25b “When you love someone, you are willing to give for them, and give up for them, and yes, even give in for them because you care about their needs more than you care about your own.” *David Jeremiah*

D. Love your wife *purposefully*.

NOTE: Eph. 5:26-27 We should be the number one cheerleader for our wives to achieve everything that God wants her to be!

E. Love your wife *passionately*.

NOTE: Eph. 5:28-33 We love her as our self because she is. We are one flesh.

1. Nurture her. (Meet her needs.)

2. Cherish her. (Tender care)