



**V18: Wives, Submit** | Reference: *Ephesians 5:22-24, 1 Peter 3:1-2*

**Idea:** Submission in Christian marriage is about working together as one unit in Christ.

**Action:** Reflect on how you can support and work with your husband to build a Christ-centered home, marriage, and family.

**V19: Husbands, Love** | Reference: *Ephesians 5:25-28, 1 Peter 3:7*

**Idea:** Husbands are to love their wives sacrificially and gently, much as Christ loved the church.

**Action:** Think of how you can show love and support to your wife.

**V20: Children, Obey** | Reference: *Ephesians 6:1-3, Proverbs 1:8-9, Proverbs 6:20-22*

**Idea:** Obedience is about honoring God by listening and respecting parents.

**Action:** Practice active listening and respect for your parents.

**V21: Fathers, do not provoke your children.** Reference: *Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 22:6*

**Idea:** Fathers, lead your children with love and encouragement. Do not provoke or "stir the pot" with them.

**Action:** Spend quality time with your children. Encourage them in their walk with the Lord.

**V22: Bondservants, Obey with sincerity of heart.**

Reference: *Ephesians 6:5-8, 1 Timothy 6:1-2, Titus 2:9-10*

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**Idea:** No matter your social standing, do what needs to be done with your heart in the right place.

- This was written by Paul to an existing social structure but can still be applied even today. (see next verse for more information).

**Action:** Consider your heart when obeying earthly masters (especially for a believer).

### **V23: Work for God, not for man**

**Reference:** *1 Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 6:7-8*

**Idea:** No matter what you do or what your work is, do it for God, not man.

**Action:** Identify an area in your work life where you can set your mind to working for the Lord and not man.

### **V24: The Lord will give an inheritance**

**Reference:** *Ephesians 1:11, 1 Peter 1:3-4*

**Idea:** Our reward comes from the Lord. This speaks to our salvation as the "free" gift from faith. Our treasures in heaven for our works on earth.

- Salvation comes through faith/belief in the Lord. Upon salvation, comes works.

**Action:** Shift your mindset to focusing on doing everything in excellence for the Lord knowing that you will be rewarded by God (in heaven).

### **V25: The wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong**

**Reference:** *Romans 2:6-11, Galatians 6:7-8, 2 Thessalonians 1:6*

**Idea:** The evil ones will reap what they sow. God's justice will prevail. Evil ones will be held accountable to God.

**Action:** If you are a "wrongdoer", consider your ways. Come to the Lord.

### **C4.V1: Masters, be just and fair to your bondservants.**

**Reference:** *Ephesians 6:9, Luke 6:31, Leviticus 25:43*

**Idea:** Be fair and just with those you "rule" over. You are accountable to God.

- This was written by Paul to an existing social structure but can still be applied even today. (see next verse for more information)

**Action:** If you are a "master" or in a position of power, ensure that you treat others justly and fairly.

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Additional References From Sermon:

**Philemon 1:15-16** | Paul makes an appeal to Philemon to consider Onesimus as a free man!

**Exodus 14:13-14 and Exodus 20:2** | The Lord wanted the Jewish people to be free from bondage / slavery from the Egyptians.

**Esther 4:14 and Esther 7:3-4** | Esther used her position of power to intervene and protect her people from persecution and imminent genocide.

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