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When Christian principles are lived out with a passion, with a fervency, with a conviction it ought to take the family and marriage to a whole new level in society. O Beloved, the way that you live in relationship to your mate, in relationship to your children is absolutely crucial to impacting and changing the society in which we live. Live according to God’s precepts, we’ll look at them today.

PART ONE

When you open the Word of God and you see what God has to say about being filled with the Spirit you understand from Ephesians chapter 5 where that command is given to us, “...**Be not drunk with wine...but be filled with the [Holy] Spirit.**” (Ephesians 5:18, KJV) Keep on being filled with

the Holy Spirit. Then he moves right from singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord **“Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs....” (5:19a)** In everything giving thanks to being subject to one another in the fear of the Lord. And then he moves into wives, then he moves into husbands and then he moves into children and then he talks to parents, then to talks to slaves, then he talks to masters and when I am filled with the Spirit there is a way that I am to behave in my relationships. I am to live according to the precepts of God. And when I live that way it impacts society. In this book, “Under the Influence”, it talks about what it was like during the times of the early church and how life was under that Roman Empire. A Roman Empire that became more and more degenerate, a Roman Empire that had less and less value on lives, a Roman Empire that was really a blood thirsty culture. They loved the shedding of blood, they loved violence and if you look at many countries in the world, violence is something that they just take for granted. And yet it’s not to be. And that violence came out in the way that they treated their wives, it came out in the way that they treated their children. It was a depraved society. When we look at Ephesians chapter 5, when we look at God’s commands to the husband in respect to the woman all of a sudden we see that Christianity elevates a woman. Because in many many countries you will see men beating their wives on the streets, you will see women being burned or put to death because of their false beliefs, because of their idols. But Christianity venerates women in a way that is pleasing to God. When you open the Koran in Sura chapter 4 this is what it says, [“Men stand superior to women. But those whose perverseness you fear admonish them and remove them into bed chambers and beat them but if they submit to you then do not seek a way against them.”] It’s calling for men, at that point, if you have a wife that is not doing what you say just take her and beat her. But know this, that’s so contrary to the Word of God. And this is why it’s important, Beloved, that you and I know God’s precepts for life and that we live accordingly so that

our marriages become models to the world of how God looks at a woman, how God looks at a man, how he looks at a husband and a wife, how he looks at children. Well what I want us to do is to go to Ephesians chapter 5 verse 33 because that is the final verse of Ephesians chapter 5 and I didn't touch on it. I eluded to it and I talked about a key for a woman having a happy a marriage and the key is here. In verse 33 it says, **“Nevertheless, each individual among you....” (Ephesians 5:33a)** And he says I'm speaking to everyone of you men in Ephesus everyone of you believers in Ephesus. **“...Each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself....” (Ephesians 5:33a-b)** In other words you are to treat that wife and you are to love her as you love your ownself. We saw that he is to love her as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her. So he is to love her as Christ loved the church, he is to love her as he loves himself. But then it makes his closing statement to the woman. **“...and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband. (Ephesians 5:33c)** Now the respects there is “phobos”, “p-h-o-b-o-s” and it means “to fear”. But it doesn't mean, “I fear that you're gonna take me into the bedchamber, I fear that you're gonna beat me, I fear that you're gonna humiliate me”. No, when it says that she is to fear her husband it means that she is to trust and respect him. And the definition of respect rises to prominence and dominance in this passage. In Ephesians chapter 25 verse 22 to 33 there are two commands that are given to the woman. And those two commands are because God understands that a man has two basic fears. God constructed man and he constructed man with 2 basic fears, the fear, number 1, of being ruled over by a woman. And that is a legitimate fear. And when you go back to Genesis what you see in Genesis chapter 2 is the fact that when he talks to the man and he tells the man that he was created and that woman was brought to him, now watch, as a counterpart, as a completer not a competitor. So when you look at Genesis chapter 2 it says in verse 18, **“Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make...a helper suitable for him.’” (Genesis**

2:18) A counterpart, a complimentor, a completer. So if you take your two hands and you spread your fingers wide apart sticking the fingers between one another what do you have? You have a counterpart, you have a completer. So where the man is usually, weak the woman is strong. Where the man is strong, the woman is weak. So he puts them together because together they are better off than they are single. So he says, “...**‘It is not good for [a] man to be alone....’**” (**Genesis 2:18b**) And this is why many men when they are married and widowed really need to get married again, because they’re at loss. They need that counterpart, they need the completer, not a completer a completer. You got it? Okay. And that deals with the second need of man. Well what you find in regard to this first need of man and that is not to be ruled over by a woman. It’s a fear of his because it demeans his masculinity. It says in Genesis chapter 3 when he’s talking to Eve, he says in verse 16 after she’s sinned, “...**‘I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you shall bring forth children; yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.’**” (**Genesis 3:16**) Now I’m not teaching Genesis right now, but that desire means to run and take over the husband, that’s the bend of a woman in her sin nature. To swallow that man, to take over, to rule because you think if you’re ruling you’re better off. And so this man has this natural fear of this, why? Because as we saw in I Corinthians chapter 11 that [“The woman was created for the man, that the woman was taken out of the man, that the man is to be the head of the woman.”] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Corinthians 11:12) Now if you didn’t get that lesson then you need to get it and listen to it very carefully as we look at the segment on marriage. But otherwise just go back to I Corinthians chapter 11 and read that first segment of that chapter and you’re going to see that this is a God-given fear. God made man, he put that God-given fear in his life of being ruled over by a woman because a man is to rule over his wife. Now we saw how he’s to love her. And if he loves her then it’s no problem with him ruling that way. But what is the second innate fear of a man? And

the innate fear of a man, and listen to me very carefully, if you’re a woman, is being found inadequate, being found to be a failure. One of the hardest things that a man has to deal with is failure, especially in his job. Because God is ordained that the man will go and that the man will toil six days and on the seventh day he will rest. And so man finds his identity in his profession in the way that he earns a living. And so if he loses a job it just demolishes a man. And dismantles his ego and what the woman has to do is come along and that’s a very sensitive time to let that husband know that you love him, that you support him, that he is not a failure, and that you are there beside him and you need to respect him. I could spend hours teaching you on respecting a man but it is absolutely key, if you will just understand. He does not want to fail, he does not want to be less than he should be. And the way that you build a man and the way that you increase him and in his masculinity is to praise him to notice his achievements, to compliment him. I remember hearing about a course where a woman was to go home and thank her husband for one thing and this woman was mean as a snake and she couldn’t think of a thing that she liked about her husband. And one day they were sitting at the table and she had to do her assignment and she just looked at him and she said, “Thank you very much you keep good books for this household.” And he just stopped in midair and he looked at her and he said, “What did you say?” And she says, “You keep very good books for this household.” Tears began to come out his eyes. That was the first nice thing that she had admired about him in a long, long time, it melted the man. We’ll talk about it more right after this break.

PART TWO

What a man needs to know more than anything else, Beloved, is that you are on his team, that you are on his side. That you are there for him no matter what, that you respect him, that you trust him, that in a sense, he is your

hero. And you know this is something I’ve had to learn. And it’s something that has, in a sense, been difficult for me because I’m in a second marriage. My first marriage ended in divorce, I was not a Christian. And then my husband committed suicide. And then I married Jack who was a seasoned Christian and I was a brand new Christian. When Jack and I got married we had two sons. Two sons that were old enough to give him trouble and two sons that he had to adjust to. And I’m sharing this simply because many of you are in that kind of a situation, many of you are living in blended families. And I want you to know that if you’re gonna build a strong marriage, then your husband needs to know that he is respected and trusted by you and that you are on his team. Now he has to learn how to relate to your children or you have to learn how to relate to his children. But know this children know how to divide and conquer. They know how to pit their parents against one another. I remember when I would go to my daddy and I would want my daddy to side with me against my mother and so I would begin to criticize my mother. And my dad would say, “Wait a minute Kay, before you say anything more I want you to know that you are talking about the woman that I love with all my heart.” Hah, that kind of changes what you’re going to say. I could not divide and conquer my parents and accomplish my will. But also my mother always respected her husband. My mother always honored her husband and I saw this and I lived in this atmosphere. And yet you can live in that atmosphere and not apply it. And that’s because I am such a different temperament than my mother. And yet whatever temperament we are we need to know and understand this. A man has two basic fears, number one: the fear of being ruled over by a woman. And therefore God knowing this and having created man says hey, wife this is what you’re to do. You’re to submit, you’re to order yourself under your husband. The second basic fear is: the fear of being found inadequate. So then God commands the wife, you need to respect your husband. Well as I gave you that illustration just before the break of a woman that could not

find anything to admire about her husband and finally when she came up with the fact that he kept the books straight that he took good care of them financially, he hadn't had a compliment in years. And finally when it came it just melted the man, absolutely melted the man. Which shows you the importance, it's illustrates so much that we ought to be melting him all the time by respecting him, by admiring him. So stop and look at what is admirable about your husband. Now you may be in such a state of anger and frustration that you can't find one thing that is admirable about your husband. But I'm telling you if you will just get before God and you will say God, show me one thing. Show me how to start respecting my husband. Show me how to start complementing my husband. Give me ways to show my husband that I am on his team, that I am not a competitor, but I am a completer, I am a counterpart, I am a complimentor. If you will ask God for that and you will start doing that you're going to find your husband softening. You're gonna to find his defenses going down. You're going to find him able to relax in your presence and to be what he is. And to be what he should be. You know even in the bedroom I mean they hear all these things, they see all these things and they think, you know, here I am I'm not a Greek God she's not gonna want me. So many things in our society tell us the only thing that makes us acceptable is the way that we look in our sexual prowess and that is not true. You can build a marriage in a husband loving a wife as Christ loved he the church and as he loves himself and a wife submitting to her husband and respecting her husband. If you will learn to do things that respect your husband you're going to find a man blossoming before your eyes that you will have no trouble respecting and no trouble admiring. Now I'm saying this and yet if this is a man that you're married to that doesn't love the Lord, that is a reprobate, that's another story. But I'm saying if we have two Christians together then we have the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to fulfill God's commandments. Because what God commands, God supplies the means to obey. Well you move from this into

children because the family unit is so absolutely essential. But the strength of the family rests on the husbands and wife’s relationship. Just remember that. The greatest thing that you can do for you children is to have a proper relationship with your mate and to show that and to manifest that. Because that child is growing up learning how a husband and a wife ought to relate to one another, learning how a home ought to be run, also, learning how to be a parent, according to the way that they were parented. So he turns from husband and wife and what’s amazing is he does not go to the father immediately but he goes to the child. And this is what he says, **“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and your mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), So that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.”**

(Ephesians 6:1-3) Then he turns from the children to the fathers. And he says, **“Fathers do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)**

Children have a responsibility in the home. And children can cause conflict in a marriage. So children need to obey their parents. The word for obey here is a very interesting word. It’s a word that means I listen to my parents. I listen so that I hear and then I do what they say. And he says this is what God is commanding you to do. So many times kids will not listen. And as a parent one of the things that you need to do is you need to teach your child to listen. You need to teach your child these verses. I remember when I was teaching our youngest son, David, Jack’s and my son and we came to Ephesians chapter 6:1 and he could not learn this verse. And he had learned far more complicated verses than this and I said, “What is the problem?” And I went to God and God showed me, David did not want to know it because he did not want to obey it. And I got down on his level and I said, “You know what?” I said, “The reason you can’t learn this verse is because you don’t wanna obey it.” Beloved, as we come to a conclusion of this teaching, I want to ask you a question. Are you willing to obey? If you will

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obey your heavenly father, as a wife, as a husband, as a child, if you will do what God says then God will bless you. He will bless you abundantly. So these are his Precepts for Life. Take them to heart according to your role.