

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 5:22-6:4 - Walking in Wisdom - 05.05.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?
2. Read Ephesians 5:22-6:4 - how is our understanding of the text impacted by the cultural understanding of the words used here?
How do the values of the culture around us lead to the subversion of God's design for the people He's created?
Are there things that you have to "unlearn" before you can learn what the Lord intends to say to us (& what He's calling us to)?
Why is it important to understand the consequences of the fall in order to understand the restorative life available in Christ?
What role does our understanding of the gospel play in how these commands are rightly understood and lived out?
How does fostering a deeper relationship with the Lord equip us to better obey these commands for our households?
3. As you think about & evaluate your own life, where is the Lord calling you to grow in the commands given in Ephesians 5:22-6:4?
Why does Christ Jesus need to be both the motivation for and the means of living out the commands listed here?
Are there specific steps you feel called to take so you can better worship Jesus by obeying these commands?
As you look at Jesus life and observe the following, how does that help you to more faithfully obey?
His willingness to submit to The Father in everything for His glory.
****How does this relate to the commands to wives in Ephesians 5:22-24 (and 33)**
His constant sacrificial love for His Bride to sanctify her and cause her to be ready.
****How does this relate to the commands to husbands in Ephesians 5:25-32 (and 33)**
His perfect obedience to The Father to do the will of [The Father] who sent Him.
****How does this relate to the commands to children in Ephesians 6:1-3**
The patient discipline of the Lord unto those whom He loves (i.e. us).
****How does this relate to the commands to fathers in Ephesians 6:4**
4. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?
Wives submit to their husbands as unto Christ!
Submit to your own husband to worship Christ!
Husbands love their wives as Christ loved us!
Sacrificially Love your wife in worship of Christ!
Children obey their parents in Christ the Lord!
Obey your parents in order to worship Christ!
Fathers train up their kids in the ways of Christ!
Walk closely with Christ & lead accordingly!
JESUS IS THE MEANS AND MOTIVATION FOR ALL OF THIS!