**5 21** submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**22 Wives,** submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.   
 **23** For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church,   
 his body, and is himself its Savior.   
 **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should   
 submit in everything to their husbands.

**25 Husbands,** love your wives,   
 as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,   
 **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,   
 **27** so that he might present the church to himself in splendor,   
 without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,   
 that she might be holy and without blemish.   
 **28** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.   
 He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** For no one ever hated his own flesh,   
 but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,   
 **30** because we are members of his body.   
 **31** “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,   
 and the two shall become one flesh.”   
 **32** This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.   
 **33** However, let each one of you love his wife as himself,   
 and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**6 1 Children,** obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.  
 **2** “Honor your father and mother”   
 (this is the first commandment with a promise),   
 **3** “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”

**4 Fathers,** do not provoke your children to anger,   
 but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**5 Bondservants,** obey your earthly masters   
 with fear and trembling,   
 with a sincere heart,   
 as you would Christ,   
 **6** not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers,   
 but as bondservants of Christ,   
 doing the will of God from the heart,   
 **7** rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,   
 **8** knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

**9 Masters,** do the same to them,   
 and stop your threatening,   
 knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven,   
 and that there is no partiality with him.

**COMPARISON BETWEEN EPHESIANS AND COLOSSIANS**

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| **Ephesians 5:21** | **Colossians 3:12-14** |
| …Submitting to one another  out of reverence for Christ. | …Bearing with one another … forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you….  And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. |

**ON MARRIAGE, CHILDREN, & THOSE WHO WORK FOR OTHERS**

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| **Ephesians 5:22-6:9** | **Colossians 3:17-4:1** |
| **WIVES SUBMIT** | **WIVES SUBMIT** |
| **HUSBANDS LOVE** | **HUSBANDS LOVE** |
| **CHILDREN OBEY  your parents** | **CHILDREN BE OBEDIENT to your parents** |
| **FATHERS DO NOT PROVOKE your children to anger**  **BRING THEM UP in discipline & Instruction of the Lord** | **FATHERS DO NOT PROVOKE your children to anger** |
| **SLAVES BE OBEDIENT to those who are your masters with a sincere heart** | **SLAVES in all things OBEY those who are your masters with sincerity of heart** |
| **MASTERS DO the same to them knowing that he who is both  their Master and yours is in heaven** | **MASTERS TREAT your bondservants justly and fairly knowing that you also have  a Master in heaven** |