**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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| **Ephesians5:21** | **Colossians3:12-14** |
| …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** |
| **WIVESSUBMIT** | **WIVESSUBMIT** |
| **HUSBANDSLOVE**  | **HUSBANDSLOVE**  |
| **CHILDRENOBEY your parents** | **CHILDRENBE OBEDIENTto your parents** |
| **FATHERSDO NOT PROVOKEyour children to anger****BRING THEM UPin discipline & Instruction of the Lord** | **FATHERSDO NOT PROVOKEyour children to anger** |
| **SLAVESBE OBEDIENT to thosewho are your masterswith a sincere heart** | **SLAVESin all things OBEY thosewho are your masterswith sincerity of heart** |
| **MASTERSDO the same to themknowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven** | **MASTERSTREAT your bondservants justly and fairlyknowing that you also have a Master in heaven** |