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Love & Marriage 1

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Ephesians 4:25-6:4 NIV

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin"^[a]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be **kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

⁵ ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.^[a] ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Live as children of light** ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all **goodness, righteousness and truth**) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

¹⁴ This is why it is said:

"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Instructions for Christian Households

²¹ **Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing^[b] her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ **In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.** ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and **the two will become one flesh.**"^[c] ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”^[a]

⁴ Fathers,^[b] do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Well Discipled People Take Pressure off the Marriage

- Living as children of light... (4:25-5:20)

Don'ts:

Don't remain angry
Don't steal
Don't swear or be crude
Get rid of bitterness, rage, anger, brawling, slander & malice
No sexual immorality or impurity
Get rid of greediness
No obscenities, foolish talk or coarse joking
Do not get drunk
Don't be foolish

Do's:

Be truthful
Work hard & be useful
Share with others in need
Build others up
Be kind, compassionate, forgiving
Live a life of Love toward others
Become a thankful person
Live a life of goodness, righteousness & truth
Learn to please the Lord & obey Him
Live wisely

The Priority Order in Marriage

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaoCyp3JuDg>
- Mutual Submission (5:21)
 1. God's Will/Plans
 2. Your Spouse's Will/Plans
 3. Your Will/Plans

Kindness Factor – Christ is our Example

- Other than God, your spouse is your number one priority/ministry
- You are to love him/her even if you don't currently love him/her
- Constantly seek ways to help them grow and develop
- Be ***kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*** (4:32)

Salvation Prayer (to ask God to forgive your sins and adopt you as His child):

“Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Saviour and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sin and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.”

Announcements: www.hopecommunitysite.com 705-812-2833

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

Men's Basketball – Mondays 8:00 pm at the church

Woman's Walking/Exercise Group – Mondays 7:00 pm at the church

Kid's Tuesday Afterschool Program – 3:30 to 5:00 pm - gym games, snack, encouragement & friendship

Mom's Hangout – Wednesdays 10-11:30 am... A time for Moms and kid's to hang out and get to know each other.

God Squad Jr. High: Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

Sr. High Youth: Thursdays: 7:30 to 8:45 pm. Students grades 9-12

Good Food Box – Orders on the first Monday of each month from 3-6 pm and pick up on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-6 pm. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables... Small box \$10, Large box \$15

Communion Lunch Service – First Sunday of each month Service (10:00 am) of each month as part of the morning service. Invite a friend and bring food to share in this pot luck style meal.

Family Fun at Bayview Wildwood Resort! – Sunday February 7th 1-3 pm after the communion lunch meal - An afternoon of outdoor activities for the whole family. Cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, hockey, tobogganing, playing in the snow, etc.

Teen Challenge Sunday – March 20th 10 am we have the Ontario Women's Speaking Team from Teen Challenge in Aurora.