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## Family

**Ephesians 5:1-2** <sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## Wives

**Ephesians 5:22** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

## Husbands

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

**1 Peter 3:7** Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honour to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

## Marriage

**Ephesians 5:31-33** <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

## Children

**Ephesians 6:1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

## Raising children

**Ephesians 6:4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

## Instruction of the Lord

**Deuteronomy 6:7** You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

**2 Timothy 3:15-17** <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## Discipline

**Hebrews 12:6** For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.

**Proverbs 22:15 GNB** Children just naturally do silly, careless things, but a good spanking will teach them how to behave.

## Discipline in love

**Galatians 6:1** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

## Obedience

**Deuteronomy 28:2** And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

**1 John 5:2-3** <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

## The world needs a Father

**Malachi 4:6 NKJV** And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers...