

...the main points again

Looking from a **messy perspective**

Grappling with the word, 'Submit'

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Submission as an expression of love

Christ' life was an act of submission

Cf. Hebrews 10.4-10 and Psalm 40.6-8,

*7 Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—
it is written about me in the scroll.*

*8 I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart."*

Who has to submit? Wives or everyone?

Submission as a loving response to sacrifice

Submission not as an invitation to abuse, but as part of a covenant

An instruction that can make sense only within Christian marriage

Love and submission with the aim of all being found in Christ

Marriage not as a romantic notion nor as a social convention

BUT as a **refinery**



Trying not to be exasperating

You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.

From *To Kill a Mockingbird*

In youth we require something of the tardiness and frigidity of age; and in age we must labour to recall the fire and impetuosity of youth; in youth we must learn to respect, and in age to enjoy."

- Dr Johnson

PG Parental Guidance- Cf. Deuteronomy 6.6-8

Offering instruction by allowing children to see a heart for God

Stop the Traffik- or just order it a bit better

A journey from Aristotle,

A slave is a living tool just as a tool is an inanimate slave

Creating relationships which implicitly begin to undermine slavery

Employment issues- improving your serve,

Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as

Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do.

Living amongst mess does not mean that mess is the norm

Just because the garden grows weeds, we shouldn't pave it over with concrete. Just because there are oppressive families, that's no reason to dismiss family life whatsoever...

A word from C.S. Lewis,

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither.

...so what...

What does the word 'family' mean to you?
Does it create positive or negative feelings?
What do you think Christians should look for in family life?
Where does family begin and end for Christians?
What was Jesus' family life like? Cf. Mark 3.21, John 19.25-26, Matthew 12.49-50...

Read Ephesians 5.21
Who do Christians have to submit to and why?
What does 'submit' mean here?
Does Galatians 3.28 suggest that there is a hierarchy between the sexes?

Read Ephesians 5.22-23
These verses are clearly written for Christians and have an expectation of Christian marriage.
What is the point of Christian marriage; look at verses 25-27
Marriage is a covenant between two parties under God
What is expected of the husband?
Is submission the same as subordination? Or can submission be a synonym for love?
Is submission about following Christ?
Read Hebrews 10.4-10 and Psalm 40.6-8,

What do you conclude from these verses?
Pray to live up to what you conclude...

What is the responsibility of parents?
Cf. Deuteronomy 6.6-8.
Is instruction in the Lord about Bible study or living or both?

How would applying this verse affect your approach to work?
Don't just do what you have to do to get by, but work heartily, as Christ's servants doing what God wants you to do.

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Living the



Ephesians

Way...

Our Household's Yours

Ephesians 5.21-6.9