

Jesus Christ: Pre-eminent in Family Life
(Col 3:18-19) Part 1

The Truth of the Lord Jesus Christ Directs Us Against the Reign of Self-determination

- narcissists do not make good spouses or good parents!

The Christian Family Is One Where The Life Who Is for Others Reigns

The Divine Pattern:

- Godly Marriage Is a Life-long Union between One Man and One Woman - Gen2:18-25; Matt 19:4-6; Eph 5:31
 - ...for the purposes of relational oneness and procreation
 - ...disregard the patterns of God and become foolish and filled with depravity - Ro 1:18-32
- In a Godly Marriage, Wives Are to Be "Subject to Their Husbands" - Col 3:18
 - ...Subjection is not inferiority; not slavish subjugation; not silence
 - ...Subjection is to "line up under" with honor and respect, with gentleness and quietness - Eph 5:33; I Pet 3:1-6
 - ...Subjection is a God-designed way to edify and affirm a husband to bring the best out of him.
 - ...Subjection is a "gift" of love.
- In a Godly Marriage, Husbands Are to "Love Their Wives" - Col 3:19
 - ...To love is to advance what is best for the other without reserve and without conditions
 - ...To love is not to overpower; not to use for personal gain
 - ...To love is to have the authority to lay down your life - Jo 10:18
 - ...To love is a God-designed way to edify and affirm a wife to bring the best out of her

Submission and Sacrifice Are Two Expression of the Same Love: Sacrificial, Submissive Love of Christ

- Spirit-filled, Christ-centered femaleness will submissively love
- Spirit-filled, Christ-centered maleness will sacrificially love

Submission and Sacrifice Are Illustrations of How God Intends Us to Be For One Another

- Both are full-time relational postures, not emergency positions
- Both flow freely and fully when Jesus Christ is given the Pre-eminence