

## Relating with a Submissive Heart (Colossians 3:18-19)

**v. 18** – Command: *Wives, be \_\_\_\_\_ to your husbands*

- Submit \_\_\_\_\_ under authority
- *As is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord – as to the Lord* (Eph. 5:22)

### Principles / Application

- Subject to their \_\_\_\_\_ husbands
- A \_\_\_\_\_ by the wife – to please \_\_\_\_\_  
Not a function of...
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ – husband is to be the \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:23)  
Not an issue of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 3:7; 1 Cor. 11:3)
- Reflects relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:23-24)  
*Subject in \_\_\_\_\_ – except to \_\_\_\_\_ God* (1 Pet. 3:1-6)  
Not a \_\_\_\_\_ but a \_\_\_\_\_ response
- Synonymous with \_\_\_\_\_ her husband (Eph. 5:33)  
One of his greatest \_\_\_\_\_

**v. 19a** – Command: *Husbands, \_\_\_\_\_ your wives – Gk. agape*

- Unconditional; a \_\_\_\_\_ – I love you, \_\_\_\_\_
- Expects \_\_\_\_\_ in return – sourced in \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 5:8)

How? – \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:25) – die for her / \_\_\_\_\_ for her

- One of her greatest \_\_\_\_\_

**v. 19b** – Command: *Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ against your wife*

- A \_\_\_\_\_ by the husband
- Bitterness = deep-seated \_\_\_\_\_, disappointment, \_\_\_\_\_

### How to obey this command?

- Check my \_\_\_\_\_ of my wife – beware of \_\_\_\_\_
- Remember: it's my \_\_\_\_\_ – and it's \_\_\_\_\_ behavior
- Don't *keep* bringing up \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 13; Col. 3:14)
- If you cannot forbear, initiate \_\_\_\_\_ – be \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**God's commands → God's design for marriage:** \_\_\_\_\_

- To accomplish His purposes – to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's relationship with His \_\_\_\_\_ to the world (Eph. 5:31-33)

## Discussion Questions: Colossians 3:18-19

1. How does 1 Peter 3:1-6 further inform and help a wife in applying Colossians 3:18?
2. How does 1 Peter 3:7-12 further inform and help a husband in applying Colossians 3:19?
3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?