

# family relationships

*GENERAL*

*HUSBAND*

*WIFE*

*FATHER*

*CHILDREN*

## MARRIAGE

### RELATIONSHIPS IN GENERAL

- Gen 2:7-25 ORIGINAL PLAN OF GOD  
God created every living thing and placed Adam in the Garden of Eden, giving him dominion over all that was created on the earth.
- ✧ God said “**It is not good that man should be alone**; I will make a helper compatible for him”
  - ✧ God created the animals and gave Adam dominion over them
  - ✧ God created Eve from the rib of Adam
  - ✧ Adam said, “This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man”
  - ✧ God said, “**For that reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**”
  - ✧ They were both naked before God and were not ashamed.
- Gen 2:18-25 The first marriage, God gave Eve to Adam. Adam took her as one flesh with himself.
- Gen 6:1-4 Sons of God married daughters of men, creating a race of giants, Nephilim, Mighty men of old, men of renown (great fame).
- Gen 11:29-30 Abram and Sarai, Nahor and Milcah.
- Gen 20:1-18 Abraham, Sarah, & Abimelech  
(she is my sister, daughter of my father but not of my mother she became my wife).
- ◇ Abraham claimed her as sister out of fear because he did not think the fear of God was in the place
- Gen 21:1-21 Isaac was born to old parents, Abraham 100 years old and Sarah 90 years old (Gen 17:17)
- ✧ Abraham circumcised Isaac at age 8 days
  - ✧ Sarah was made to laugh
  - ✧ Ishmael scoffed so Sarah demanded that He and Hagar be cast out.
  - ✧ Abraham was grieved but God confirmed the wish with a promise that a nation would come from him because he was the seed of Abraham so it was done.
  - ✧ **In Isaac your seed shall be called.**
  - ✧ The angel of Elohiym showed Hagar a well of water saving his life.
  - ✧ Ishmael married an Egyptian wife
- Gen 24:1-67 Abraham's servant prayed for success in finding a **wife for Isaac** with the sign that:  
The woman who responded to his request for a drink would also offer to water his ten camels.
- ✧ Rebekah responded as the sign requested, and followed Abraham's servant to Isaac.
  - ✧ Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother's tent and took her and she became his wife.
- Gen 25:1-4 Abraham and Keturah.
- Gen 25:19-28 Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah.
- Gen 26:34-35 At age 40 Esau married Judith and Basemath, Hittite girls, a grief to Isaac and Rebekah.
- Gen 27:46 Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?"
- Gen 28:1-5 Isaac charged Jacob not to take a wife of the daughters of Heth of the land of Canaan.  
Isaac blessed Jacob and sent him to Padan Aram (Haran Gen 27:43) to take a wife from the daughters of Laban the son of Bethuel the Syrian the brother of Rebekah.
- Gen 28:6-9 Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Padan Aram to take himself a wife from there, and in the blessing he gave him a charge not to take a wife from the daughters of Canaan, and that Jacob had obeyed his father and mother and had gone to Padan Aram.
- ◇ So realizing that the daughters of Canaan did not please his father Isaac, Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath to be his wife in addition to the wives he had. Mahalath was the daughter of Ishmael the son of Abraham and sister of Nebajoth
- Gen 29:15-20 Jacob agreed to serve Laban seven years for Rachel to be his wife
- Gen 29:21-27 Laban gave Jacob Leah instead of Rachel as wife
- Gen 29:28 After a week Laban also gave Rachel to Jacob for an agreement to work another seven years.
- Gen 30:1-13 Jacob was given Bilhah by Rachel and Zilpah by Leah for wives.

- Gen 31:1-31 Shechem raped Dinah the daughter of Jacob & Leah defiling her.  
 ✧ Sons of Jacob were angry with Shechem for violating Dinah their sister  
 ✧ Agreement to intermarry if the men of Shechem were circumcised  
 ✧ The men of Shechem agreed thinking that all the possessions of Jacob would be theirs.  
 ✧ Slaughter of the men of Shechem by Levi and Simeon and plunder by the sons of Jacob.  
 ✧ Jacob was afraid for their lives being strangers in the country.  
 ✧ Should he treat our sister like a harlot?
- Gen 38:1-30 **Duty of a husband's brother,**  
 To raise up seed for his dead brother for the purpose of inheritance.  
 ✧ God killed Er because of his wickedness after he married Tamar  
 ✧ God killed Onan because he spilled his seed on the ground to avoid raising an heir for his brother Er by Tamar.  
 ✧ Judah was afraid to give Tamar to Shelah for fear that God would kill him also.  
 ✧ When Judah's wife died he sought relief from Tamar who was dressed as a prostitute  
 ✧ When he learned she was pregnant he commanded that they put her to death.  
 ✧ When he learned that he was the father, he said, "**She is more righteous than I.**"  
 ◇ Their sons were Perez & Zerah.
- Gen 39:1-20 God was with **Joseph in slavery** and caused everything he did to prosper.  
 ✧ Potiphar saw that God was with Joseph and all he did prospered so he set him over all he had.  
 ✧ Wife of Potiphar wanted Joseph to commit adultery with her and Joseph refused.  
 ✧ Joseph said, "**How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?**"  
 ✧ In anger at his refusal she had him thrown into prison claiming he had attempted to rape her.
- Gen 41:45-46 Pharaoh gave Asenath as wife to Joseph  
 Ex 2:16-22 ✧ Moses befriended the daughters of the priest of Midian by saving them from the shepherds and he watered their flock.  
 ✧ Reuel their father invited Moses to eat with them.  
 ✧ Moses was content to stay with the man and Reuel gave Moses his daughter Zipporah as wife.  
 ✧ Zipporah bore Moses a son and Moses called him Gershom
- Ex 19:8-15 **Sanctify** the people to meet their God  
 Moses returned to the Lord.  
*2nd time Moses went up Mount Sinai after he brought Israel from Egypt.*  
 Yahweh said to Moses, "**I will come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and that they may believe you forever..**"  
 ✧ Moses told the Lord the words the people had said.  
 ✧ The Lord said to Moses:  
 ✧ Sanctify the people 2 days and let them wash their cloths and be ready on the third day.  
 ✧ On the third day Yahweh will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.  
 ✧ You shall set bounds for the people all around and say to them, "Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put to death. Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot with an arrow. Whether it be man or beast, he shall not live.  
 ✧ When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain.  
 ✧ Moses went down from the mountain and sanctified the people and they washed their cloths.  
 ✧ Moses said to the people, "Be ready for the third day, **do not come near your wives.**"
- Ex 21:2-6 If you buy a **Hebrew servant**:  
 ✧ He may serve you six years and on the seventh year he shall go out free.  
 ✧ If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself.  
 ✧ **If he comes in with a wife, he shall go out with his wife.**  
 ✧ **If his master has given him a wife who bears him children, his wife and her children belong to his master** and shall not go out with him.  
 ✧ **If he tells his master he loves his wife and children and will not go out free,** his master shall bring him to the judges, and they shall take him to the door or doorpost, his master shall pierce his ear with an awl, and he shall serve his master forever.
- Ex 21:7-11 **Female slaves:**

- ✧ If a man sells his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants.
  - ✧ If she does not please her master who has betrothed her to himself;
    - ◇ He shall let her be redeemed.
      - ⌘ He has no right to sell her because **he has dealt deceitfully with her.**
  - ✧ If he has betrothed her to his son;
    - ◇ He shall treat her like a daughter.
  - ✧ **If he takes another wife;**
    - ◇ He shall not diminish his **care and attention** given to her (**food, clothing** or **sexual**).
  - ✧ If he fails to do any of these things, she shall go out free.
- Ex 21:22-25
- ✧ If men fight and a woman with child is injured so that she gives birth prematurely and no lasting harm follows, he who injured her shall surely be **punished accordingly to the requirement of her husband** and he shall pay as the judge determines.
  - ✧ If any lasting harm follows, then, you shall give **life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe**
- Ex 22:16-17
- Statutory rape.**
- ✧ If a man entices a virgin who is not pledged, and lies with her; he shall pay the bride price and she shall be his wife.
  - ✧ If the father of the virgin refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money according to the bride price for virgins.
- Lev 21:1-9
- The Lord commanded Moses to say to the **Priests** the sons of Aaron:
- ✧ No priest shall defile himself and become unclean for the dead among his people.
    - ◇ The only exception is for near of kin, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, or virgin sister.
    - ◇ Because he is a chief man among his people he may not defile or profane himself.
  - ✧ Priests shall not make any bald place on their heads.
  - ✧ Priests shall not shave the edges of their beards.
  - ✧ Priests shall not make any cuttings in their flesh.
  - ✧ Priests shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God because they offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire and they offer the bread of their God, so they shall be holy.
  - ✧ **A Priest shall not take a wife who is a harlot, a defiled woman, or a divorced woman because the priest is holy to his God.**
  - ✧ You shall sanctify the Priest because he offers the bread of your God.
  - ✧ Priests shall be holy because I the Lord who sanctify you am holy.
  - ✧ If the daughter of any Priest profanes herself by playing the harlot, she profanes her father.
    - She shall be burned with fire.
- Lev 21:10-15
- High Priests,** (He who has been anointed with the anointing oil and consecrated to wear the holy High Priest's garments).
- ✧ Shall not uncover his head.
  - ✧ Shall not tear his cloths.
  - ✧ Shall not go near any dead body or defile himself for his father or mother.
  - ✧ Shall not go out of the sanctuary or profane the sanctuary of his God.
  - ✧ Because the anointing oil of his God is on him.
  - ✧ **I am the Lord.**
  - ✧ The High Priest shall marry only a virgin of his own people.
  - ✧ He may not marry a widow, divorced woman, defiled woman, or a harlot.
  - ✧ He shall not profane his posterity among his people, because I the Lord sanctify him.
- Num 5:11-31
- Law of Jealousy and defilement of a wife.**
- ✧ **Test for unfaithful wife.**
  - ✧ Test for adultery.
  - ✧ Offering of one tenth of an ephah of barley without oil or incense for bringing iniquity to remembrance.
  - ✧ Bitter water that brings a curse and her oath.
  - ✧ If you have not gone astray to uncleanness while under your husbands authority, be free from this bitter water that brings a curse.
- Num 30:1-16
- VOWS** to the **LORD**, this is what the Lord has commanded.
- ✧ Any vow, oath, or promise a **man** makes to the Lord to bind himself, he may not break his word but must do according to all that proceeds from his mouth.

- ✧ If a **woman** vows a vow to the Lord and binds herself **while living in the house of her father**, when her father hears of it **he may veto her vow** and it is annulled, the Lord will forgive her because her father overruled her.
- ✧ If a **woman** vows a vow to the Lord and binds herself **while living in the house of her father**, when her father hears of it **if he holds his peace and does not veto the vow**, then the vow stands confirmed and must be accomplished in full as vowed.
- ✧ If a **woman takes a husband while bound by a vow** or rash utterance from her lips, **when her husband hears of it he may veto her vow** and it is annulled, the Lord will forgive her because her husband overruled her.
- ✧ If a **woman takes a husband while bound by a vow** or rash utterance from her lips, when her husband hears of it, **if he holds his peace, then the vow stands** and must be performed as stated.
- ✧ Any vow or utterance a **woman** makes **when she is widowed or divorced** shall stand and must be performed as stated.
- ✧ Every vow or oath a **woman** makes, **her husband may confirm it or make it void. If the husband does not make it void when he hears of it, then he confirms it.** If the husband makes her vow void after it was confirmed by his silence when he first heard of it, then he shall bear her guilt.
- ✧ This is the statutes the Lord commanded Moses concerning a woman and her father and a woman and her husband.

Num 36:1-13

#### MARRIAGE OF WOMEN WHO INHERIT LAND IN ISRAEL

- ✧ The chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead came before the leaders of Israel and asked Moses about the command of God which allowed a man's daughters to inherit the land of their father when he has no sons.
- ✧ They said, "If a woman who inherits land in Israel marries outside of her tribe, then the land will transfer from her father's tribe to the tribe into which she marries, then on the Jubilee it will not be returned to the original tribe.

Moses commanded the Children of Israel according to the Word of the Lord.

- ✧ What the Children of Gilead have said is true, therefore this is what the Lord commands concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, "Let them marry anyone they choose but only within the families of their father's tribe so the inheritance will not transfer from one tribe to another.
- ✧ Every woman who possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the Children of Israel shall marry only within the families of her father's tribe so the land does not transfer from one tribe to another.
- ✧ The daughters of Zelophehad married into the families of their father's tribe and their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father.
- ✧ There are the Commandments and Judgments the Lord commanded the Children of Israel by the hand of Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho.

Deut 7:1-5

#### Nations to be destroyed when the Lord your God brings you into the land to possess it.

- ✧ The Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you.
- ✧ When the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall utterly destroy them.
- ✧ You shall make no covenant with them or show mercy to them.
- ✧ **You shall not make marriages with them, give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons, because** they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods. Then the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and He will destroy you suddenly.
- ✧ You shall destroy their altars, break down their sacred pillars, cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire.

Deut 21:10-14

#### Marriage to women taken captive in war

When you go to war against an enemy and the Lord delivers them into your hand, if you see a beautiful woman among the captives and desire her for your wife;

- ✧ Bring her to your house, shave her head, and trim her nails.
- ✧ She shall remove her cloths of captivity and remain a full month in your home untouched to mourn her father and mother.
- ✧ **After a month you may go in to her and she shall be your wife.**
- ✧ If you do not delight in her, you shall set her free.
- ✧ **You may not sell her for money or be brutal toward her** because you have humbled her.

Deut 21:15-17

#### Right of the firstborn

**If a man has two wives**, one is loved and the other unloved, and his firstborn is the son of the unloved, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons;

- ✧ He must not show preference by giving firstborn status to the son of the loved wife over the son of the unloved who is in fact his firstborn.
- ✧ He must acknowledge his firstborn son from the unloved wife by giving him a double portion of all that he has **because** he is the beginning of his strength and the right of the firstborn is his.

Deut 22:13-21 **Virgin Bride**

If a man takes a wife, goes in to her, detests her; charges her of shameful conduct, brings upon her a bad name claiming she was not a virgin;

- ✧ Her father and mother shall bring the evidence of her virginity out to the elders of the city at the gate, and say, “We gave our daughter to this man as wife and he detests her, he has charged her with shameful conduct claiming she was not a virgin, but this is the evidence of her virginity.”
- ✧ They shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.
- ✧ **The elders of the city shall punish the man, fine him 100 shekels of silver, and give them to the father of the young woman**, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin in Israel.
- ✧ She shall be his wife, and **he may not divorce her all the days of his life**.

If the charge was true and she was not a virgin;

- ✧ They shall bring the young woman to the door of her father’s house and **stone her to death with stones** because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, playing the harlot in her father’s house.
- ✧ Thus you shall put away (purge) evil from among you.

Deut 22:22 **Adultery**

If a man is found lying with another man’s wife;

- ✧ **Both of them shall die**, the man and the woman.
- ✧ Thus you shall put away (purge) the evil from Israel.

Deut 22:23-24 **Adultery**

If in a city a man finds a young virgin who is betrothed to another, and lies with her;

- ✧ You shall bring **both of them** to the gate of the city and **stone them to death with stones, the woman because** she was in the city and did not cry out, and **the man because** he humbled his neighbor’s wife.
- ✧ Thus you shall put away (purge) evil from among you.

Deut 22:25-27 **Adultery**

If in the country a man finds a young virgin betrothed to another and lies with her;

- ✧ **Only the man who lay with her shall die**.
- ✧ You shall do nothing to the young woman, there is no sin in her worthy of death.
- ✧ **This sin is just like the sin of murder**. The man found her in the country and she cried out but there was no one to save her.

Deut 22:28-29 **Fornication (Rape)**

If a man finds a young virgin who is not betrothed, seizes her, lies with her and they are found out;

- ✧ The man who lay with her shall give her father 50 shekels of silver and she shall be his wife, because he has humbled her.
- ✧ He shall not be allowed to divorce her all the days of his life.

Deut 22:30 **Adultery incestuous.**

- ✧ A man shall not take his father’s wife or uncover his father’s bed.

Deut 24:1-4 **Divorce and remarriage**

- ✧ If a woman is divorced and remarried, then divorced again or widowed, **her former husband may not take her again to be his wife because she has been defiled and that would be an abomination** before the Lord.
- ✧ **You shall not bring sin on the land** the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance.

Deut 24:5 **New bride’s rights**

When a man has taken a new wife;

- ✧ He shall not go out to war or be responsible for any business for one year.
- ✧ **He shall be free at home for one year to bring happiness to his new wife**.

Deut 25:5-10 **Husband’s brother’s duty toward his brother’s widow**  
**When brothers dwell together:**

- ✧ Brother’s widow shall not marry outside of her husband’s family.

✧ **Husband's brother shall take his brother's widow as wife and raise up seed for his brother.**

✧ Her firstborn will be counted as seed of the dead brother that his name may not be lost in Israel.

If the brother refuses to perform the duty of the husband's brother to raise up seed for his brother:

✧ The widow shall take him to the Elders at the gate and tell them that he refuses to perform the duty of her husband's brother.

✧ The Elders shall talk to the man and **if he still refuses**, the widow shall come in the presence of the Elders, remove his sandal from his foot, spit in his face, and say, "So shall it be done to the man who will not build up his brother's house.

✧ The man will be known in Israel as "Family of him who had his sandal removed."

Deut 25:11

**Wife's interference in a fight**

If two men fight and the wife of one comes to rescue her husband by **grabbing the genitals of his opponent**;

✧ **You shall cut off her hand**, your eye shall not pity her.

Matt 5:31-32

**Divorce & Remarriage**

✧ Anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery.

Matt 19:3-12

**Divorce and remarriage**

Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason?

Jesus said:

✧ He who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, "**For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. They are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, do not let man separate**"

✧ "Because of the hardness of your hearts, Moses permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so."

✧ "Whoever divorces his wife except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery. Whoever marries her who is divorced, commits adultery."

✧ The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry".

✧ Jesus said, "**Everyone can not accept this saying, but only those to whom it is given.** Some were born eunuchs, some were made eunuchs by men, some made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. **He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.**"

Matt 22:23-30

**Marriage & The Resurrection**

Question of the Sadducees (Reference to *Duty of the husband's brother*):

✧ There were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother, this was repeated through the seven brothers, at the end the woman died also having been married to each of them. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?

Jesus answered:

✧ You are greatly mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures or the power of God. In the Resurrection they neither marry nor are they given in marriage, but they are like the angels of God in Heaven.

Mark 10:2-12

**Divorce & Remarriage**

The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

Jesus asked them, "What did Moses command you?"

They answered, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and dismiss her."

Jesus said;

✧ "Moses wrote you this precept because of the hardness of your heart.

✧ But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh; so they are no longer two but one flesh.

✧ Therefore, what God has joined together, do not let man separate."

In the house Jesus said to His disciples,

✧ "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.

✧ If a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Mark 12:19-25

**Marriage & the Resurrection**

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Luke 14:26 **Priorities between God and Family**

(see *Cost of Discipleship*)

- ✚ Anyone who comes to me who does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life - compared to Me -he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 16:18 **Divorce & Remarriage**

- ✚ Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Luke 18:29-30 **Priorities between God and Family rewarded**

- ✚ No one, who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God, shall fail to receive many times more in this present time, and Everlasting Life in the age to come.

Luke 20:27-36 **Marriage & the Resurrection**

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Jesus answered:

- ✚ The children of this age marry and are given in marriage.
- ✚ Those who are **counted worthy** to attain The Age To Come and the Resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage, and they can not die any more, because they are like the angels, they are sons of God being sons of the resurrection.

John 2:1-11 Jesus and His disciples attended a marriage in Cana of Galilee.

John 4:16-18 **Woman at the Well**

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

She said to Jesus, "I have no husband."

Jesus said, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is very true."

Acts 5:1-11 **Lying to the Holy Spirit brings death to husband and wife**

- ✚ A man named Ananias, and his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, laying part of the proceeds at the Apostles feet, they claimed it was the full price of the land.
- ✚ Peter asked, Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit? You have not lied to men but to the Holy Spirit.
- ✚ Ananias and his wife Sapphira died for the lie.

Romans 7:2-3 **Law of Marriage**

- ✚ A woman is freed from the law of marriage when her husband dies and she is not guilty of adultery if she marries another.
- ✚ A woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, so if she marries another while her husband lives she will be called an adulteress.

1 Cor 5:1-13 **Immorality and pride in the Church**

- ✚ Paul rebukes the Church at Corinth for bragging about their Christian acceptance and tolerance of a man living with his father's wife.
- ✚ Paul commanded them to put the man out of the Church and deliver him over to Satan.

- † Paul's purpose in this command was to call the man to repentance and to purge out sin from the congregation.
- † Paul said, "I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people, not referring to people who did not believe, but to anyone who calls himself a Christian.
- † We do not judge those outside the faith, that is for God to do.
- † But we must judge those who are in the Church, and put away the evil person from among you.

1 Cor 6:12-20

### Sex with a Prostitute is marriage to her

- † All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial.
- † I will not be brought under the power of any.
- † Food is for the stomach and the stomach for food, but God will destroy them both.
- † The body is not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord and members of Christ.
- † **Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot?**
- † **Do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her?** For God said, "**The two shall become one flesh.**"
- † **Flee sexual immorality.**
- † **He who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.**
- † Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you
- † You are not your own, you were bought with a price, therefore, glorify God in your body and your spirit which belong to God.

1 Cor 7:1-16

### Sex and Marriage

- † It is good for a man not to touch a woman.
- † But **since there is so much immorality, let each man have his own wife, and each woman her own husband.**
- † **Let the husband give his wife the affection due her,** and **let the wife give her husband the affection due him.**
- † **The husband has authority over his wife's body** and **the wife has authority over her husband's body.**
- † **Do not deprive one another of sexual relations except by mutual consent for a specified period of time** that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer, **then come together again so Satan does not tempt you due to your lack of self control.**

Now this I say as a concession, not as a commandment, for I wish that all men were single, even as I myself but each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that:

- † To the **unmarried and the widows, I say:** It is good for them if they remain single even as I am, but if they cannot exercise self control, let them marry. **It is better to marry than to burn with passion**

### **This is a commandment of the Lord to the married:**

- † A **wife must not** depart from her husband. If she departs, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband.
- † A **husband must not** divorce his wife.

### **To the rest I say, not the Lord:**

- † If a brother is **married to a wife who does not believe,** but she is **content** to dwell peaceably with him, let him not divorce her.
- † If a **woman is married to a husband who does not believe,** but he is **content** to dwell peaceably with her, let her not divorce him.
- † **The unbelieving husband is sanctified by the believing wife,** and **the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the believing husband,** so the children may be holy, otherwise the children would be unclean.
- † **If the unbeliever is not content,** let him depart, a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases.
- † **God has called us to peace.**
- † How do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband?
- † How do you know, O Man, whether you will save your wife?

1 Cor 7:25-38

### Paul's advice to virgins

Paul said, "**Because of the present distress** it is good for a man to remain single."

- † Paul desires to spare the believer the added trouble of concerns for a spouse in times of persecution.
- † Paul recognizes that a single person is able to devote himself more fully to the Lord without the distractions of family responsibilities.
- † Paul also recognizes that **to marry is not a sin.**

1 Cor 7:39-40 **Widowhood and remarriage**

- † **A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives.** But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, only **if he is in the Lord.**
- † Paul believes a widow will be happier if she remains single.

1 Cor 9:5 **Apostles rights to marriage**

Paul asked the Church at Corinth:

- † Don't we have the right to take along with us a believing wife, as do the other apostles, the Lord's brothers, and Cephas?

1 Cor 14:34-36 **Women to remain silent in the Church**

- † If they want to inquire about something, **they should ask their own husbands at home;** for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

2 Cor 6:14-18 **Marriage to unbelievers**

- † **Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.**
- † What fellowship does righteousness have with lawlessness?
- † What communion has light with darkness?
- † What accord has Christ with Belial?
- † What part does a believer have with an unbeliever?
- † What agreement has the temple of God with idols?
- † You are the temple of God.
- † Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.
- † Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.

1 Thes 4:3-8 **THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOUR SANCTIFICATION:**

- † That you **abstain from sexual immorality.**
- † That each of you should know how to **control his own body** in sanctification and honor.
  - ✧ Not in passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God.
- † That no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter.
- † The Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.
- † God did not call us to uncleanness, but to holiness.
- † He who rejects this command, does not reject man, but God Who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

1 Tim 3:8-13 **Deacon's and their Wives**

Deacons must be:

- † Reverent.
- † Honest in speech.
- † Not given to much wine.
- † Not greedy for money.
- † Holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.
- † Proven.
- † Blameless.
- † Ruling his children and his own house well.
- † Husband of one wife.

**Their wives must be:**

- † Reverent.
- † Temperate.
- † Faithful in all things.
- † Not slanderers.

For those who have served well as deacons, obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Tim 4:1-5 **Deceiving spirits of the Last Days**

The Spirit expressly says that:

- † In the latter times some will depart from the faith.

- ✧ Giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.
- ✧ Speaking lies in hypocrisy.
- ✧ Having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.
- ✧ **Forbidding to marry.**
- ✧ Commanding to abstain from foods.
- ✧ Which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
- † Every creature of God is good and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving.
- ✧ For it is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

1 Tim 5:3-16

### Support for widows

- † Honor widows who are really widows
- † If a widow has children or grandchildren,
  - ✧ Let her children learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents.
  - ✧ For this is acceptable before God.
- † She who is really a widow and is left alone, trusts in God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day.
- † She who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.
- † Command these things that they may be blameless.
- † If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
- † Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number.
  - ✧ And then not unless she has been the wife of one man, with a reputation for good works.
  - ✧ If she has brought up children.
  - ✧ Lodged strangers.
  - ✧ Washed the Saints feet.
  - ✧ Relieved the afflicted.
  - ✧ Diligently followed every good work.
- † Refuse the younger widows.
  - ✧ For when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry.
  - ✧ They have condemnation because they have cast off their first faith.
  - ✧ They learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.
- † Therefore I desire that the younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
  - ✧ For some have already turned aside after Satan.
- † If any believing man or woman has widows,
  - ✧ Let them relieve them, and do not let the Church be burdened.
  - ✧ That the Church may relieve those who are really widows.

Titus 2:1-8

### Leading the Church

- † Titus, Speak the things that are proper for sound doctrine:
  - ✧ That older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, love, and patience.
  - ✧ That older women likewise, must be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, or given to much wine, but to be teachers of good things.
  - ✧ That they teach the younger women to love their husbands and their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands,
  - ✧ That the Word of God may not be blasphemed.
- † Young men must be sober-minded.
- † In all things, show yourself to be a pattern of good works.
  - ◇ In doctrine show integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, and sound speech that cannot be condemned.
    - ✧ That the opponents may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

Hebrews 13:4

### Marriage is honorable

- † Marriage must be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure and undefiled.
  - ✧ Because God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

## HUSBANDS

Gen 2:7-25

### ORIGINAL PLAN OF GOD

God created every living thing and placed Adam in the Garden of Eden, giving him dominion over all that was created on the earth.

- ✧ God said “**It is not good that man should be alone**; I will make a helper compatible for him”
- ✧ God created the animals and gave Adam dominion over them
- ✧ God created Eve from the rib of Adam
- ✧ Adam said, “This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh, she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man”
- ✧ God said, “**For that reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**”
- ✧ They were both naked before God and were not ashamed.

Eph 5:25-33

### Husbands, love your wives

† **Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church.**

- ✧ Christ gave himself up for her (the Church), that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word.
- ✧ Christ sanctified and cleansed the Church with the Word, that he might present her to Himself as a Glorious Church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.
- ✧ Christ sanctified and cleansed the Church with the Word, that she should be holy and blameless (without blemish).

† **In this same way, husbands ought to love their own wives just as they love their own bodies.**

- ✧ **He who loves his wife loves himself.**
- ✧ No one ever hated his own flesh, but **nourishes and cherishes it.**
- ✧ **This is how the Lord loves the Church.**
  - ✧ We are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

† **For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.**”

† This is a great mystery, as I speak concerning Christ and the church.

† **Nevertheless, Let each one of you in particular love your own wife every bit as much as you love your own body.**

† **Let the wife see that she respects her husband.**

† **Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh toward them.**

Colo 3:19

Tim 3:1-7

### BISHOP or ELDER

If a man desires to be a Bishop, he desires a good work.

† A bishop must be:

- ✧ **Blameless.**
- ✧ The **husband of one wife.**
- ✧ **Temperate.**
- ✧ **Sober-minded.**
- ✧ **Of good behavior.**
- ✧ **Hospitable.**
- ✧ **Able to teach.**
- ✧ **Not given to much wine.**
- ✧ **Not violent.**
- ✧ **Gentle.**
- ✧ **Not quarrelsome.**
- ✧ **Not covetous.**
- ✧ He must **rule his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence.**
  - ✧ **If a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the Church of God?**
- ✧ **He must not be a novice.**
  - ✧ Lest being puffed up with pride, he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

- ✧ **He must have a good reputation among those who are outside the Church.**
- ✧ Lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Tim 3:8-13

## DEACONS

Deacons must be:

- ✧ **Reverent.**
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- ✧ **Not given to much wine.**
- ✧ **Not greedy for money.**
- ✧ **Holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.**
- ✧ **Proven.**
- ✧ **Blameless.**
- ✧ **Ruling his children and his own house well.**
- ✧ **Husband of one wife.**

Their wives must be:

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For **those who have served well as deacons, obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

Titus 1:5-9

## BISHOPS OR ELDERS

- ✧ The reason I left you in Crete is that you should set in order the things that are lacking.
- ✧ Appoint Elders in every city as I commanded you.
- ✧ An Elder must be:
  - ✧ The **husband of one wife.**
  - ✧ **His children must be faithful.**
  - ✧ **He must not be accused of dissipation** (distraction, dispersion, driving away, pursuing excessive pleasure, spending lavishly)
- ✧ A Bishop must be:
  - ✧ Blameless as a steward of God.
  - ✧ Not self willed.
  - ✧ Not quick tempered.
  - ✧ Not given to much wine.
  - ✧ Not violent.
  - ✧ Not greedy for money.
  - ✧ Hospitable.
  - ✧ A lover of what is good.
  - ✧ Sober minded.
  - ✧ Just.
  - ✧ Holy.
  - ✧ Self-controlled.
  - ✧ Holding fast the faithful Word as he has been taught.
    - ✧ That he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

1 Peter 3:7

- ✧ **Husbands,** be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker (more fragile) partner and as equal heirs with you of the grace of life,
  - ✧ So your prayers will not be hindered.

## WIVES

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- ✧ They were both naked before God and were not ashamed.

Gen 3:16

God said to Eve

- ✧ **Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall have authority over you.**

Eph 5:22-24

Submission of wives to their own husbands

- † **Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.**
- † The husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.
- † As the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Colo 3:18

- † **Wives, submit to your husbands,** as is fitting in the Lord.

1 Peter 3:1-6

Submission to Husbands

- † **Wives, be submissive to your husbands** as the Church is submissive to Christ.
  - ◇ So that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the good behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.
- † Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.
- † Instead, it should be the beauty of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a **gentle and quiet spirit,** which is of great value in God's sight.
- † This is the way holy women of the past who put their hope in God made themselves beautiful.
- † They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him adoney (master).
- † You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear

## FATHERS

- Gen 18:17-19 Yahweh said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?”
- ✧ Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation.
  - ✧ All the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him.
  - ✧ **I chose him so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of Yahweh, to do righteousness and justice.**
  - ✧ **That** Yahweh may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.
- Ex 9:12-35 Plague 7 **That Pharaoh may know** - The Lord said to Moses;
- ✧ Rise early in the morning, stand before **Pharaoh**, and say to him, “Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let My people go that they may serve Me. I will send all My plagues to your very heart, on your servants and on your people..
  - ✧ **That you may know there is none like Me in all the earth.** If I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would have been cut off from the earth.
  - ✧ **I have raised you up for this purpose: That I may show My power in you and that My Name may be declared in all the earth.**
  - ✧ Still you exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let My people go.
  - ✧ Therefore, tomorrow I will send very heavy hail to rain down on Egypt the like of which has never been seen until now. Send now and gather in all the livestock you have in the field because the hail will kill every man and beast in the open field.”
  - ✧ Those who feared the Word of the Lord made their servants and livestock flee to the houses. Those who did not fear the Word of the Lord left their servants and livestock in the fields.
  - ✧ The Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt.
  - ✧ Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven and **the Lord sent hail and fire on all the land of Egypt.**
  - ✧ Only in Goshen there was no hail.
  - ✧ Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron and said to them, “I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous and my people and I are wicked. Entreat the Lord that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail for it is enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.”
  - ✧ Moses said, “As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the Lord, the thunder will cease and there will be no more hail. **That you may know that the earth is the Lord’s.**
  - ✧ But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the Yehovah Elohiym.”
  - ✧ When Moses went out of the city he stretched his hands out to the Lord and the thunder and hail ceased.
  - ✧ When Pharaoh saw there was relief, he hardened his heart, and would not let the Children of Israel go, as the Lord had said to Moses.
- Ex 10:1-20 Plague 8 **That Moses may know** - **The Lord said to Moses:**
- ✧ Go in to Pharaoh.
  - ✧ **I have hardened the hearts of Pharaoh and of his servants:**
    - ✧ **That I may show these signs of Mine before him.**
    - ✧ **That you may tell your son, and your son’s son, of My signs and the mighty things I have done in Egypt among them.**
    - ✧ **That you may know that I am the Lord.**
- Ex 12:1-20 Instructions for the PASSOVER -- A Memorial for Israel
- The LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
- ✧ **"This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.**
  - ✧ "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: `On the **tenth day of this month** every man shall take for himself a **lamb**, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it **according to the number of the persons; according to each man’s need you shall make your count for the lamb.**

- ✧ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the **fourteenth day of the same month**. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.
- ✧ They shall take some of the **blood** and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. They shall **eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.**
- ✧ Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire-- its head with its legs and its entrails. You shall **let none of it remain until morning**, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.
- ✧ Thus you shall **eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand.** So you shall eat it in haste. **It is the LORD'S Passover.**
- ✧ For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.
- ✧ **The blood shall be a sign for you** on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.
- ✧ **This day shall be to you a memorial;** and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by **an everlasting ordinance.**
- ✧ **Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.** On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.
- ✧ On **the first day there shall be a holy convocation**, and on **the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation** for you. **No manner of work shall be done** on them; but that which everyone must eat -- that only may be prepared by you.
- ✧ You shall observe the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.
- ✧ In the first month, on the **fourteenth day** of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the **twenty-first day** of the month **at evening.**

Ex 12:21-28

### Teach your children and their children

Moses called the Elders of Israel and instructed them concerning the Passover.

- ✧ Pick out a lamb according to your ability to eat.
- ✧ Use hyssop to strike blood of the lamb on the lintel and two doorposts.
- ✧ No one is to go out the door of his house until morning.
- ✧ The Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; when He sees the blood the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.
- ✧ You will observe this as an ordinance for you and your descendants forever.
- ✧ You shall keep this service in the land the Lord will give you.
- ✧ **When your children ask**, "What do you mean by this service?" **You shall say, it is the Passover sacrifice of the Lord Who passed over the houses of the Children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.**
- ✧ The people bowed their heads and worshipped, then they went away and did as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron.

Ex 13:3-10

### Remember & Teach your son - Moses said to the people:

- ✧ **"Remember this day** in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place.
- ✧ No leavened bread shall be eaten. On this day you are going out, in the month Abib.
- ✧ When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this service in this month.
- ✧ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD. No leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters.
- ✧ **You shall tell your son** in that day, saying, 'This is done **because** of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.'

- ✧ It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, **that** the LORD'S law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.
- ✧ You shall therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.

Ex 13:11-16

### Teach your son

When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites gives it to you as He promised your fathers, you shall set apart (sanctify) to the Lord all that open the womb.

- ✧ Every firstling that comes from any of your animals, the males shall be the Lord's.
- ✧ Every firstling of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or break it's neck.
- ✧ Every firstborn of man you shall redeem.

### ✧ **When your son asks what this means? You shall say:**

- ✧ “The Lord brought us out of Egypt out of the house of bondage By strength of hand. When Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, the firstborn of man and of animal. Therefore, I sacrifice to the Lord all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.

- ✧ It shall be as a sign on your hand and frontlets between your eyes, because the Lord brought us out of Egypt by strength of hand.

Ex 14:1-4

### That the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord

- ✧ God's reason for sending the Egyptian army in pursuit of Israel into the Red Sea.

Ex 24:12

### Teach the ten commandments

- ✧ The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and stay here; **I will give you tablets of stone with the law and commandments which I have written:**  
✧ **That you may teach them.**”

Lev 10:8-11

### Teach the Children of Israel

Do not drink wine or strong drink when you go into the tabernacle, lest you die.

A statute forever throughout your generations.

- ✧ To show a difference between holy and unholy, between clean and unclean.

### ✧ **That you may teach all the statutes the Lord has spoken by Moses to the Children of Israel.**

Deut 4:1-24

### Teach your children and your children's children

O Israel, **hear the statutes and judgments of the Lord God of your fathers that I teach you:**

**That you may live and may possess the land the Lord is giving you.**

- ✧ **Do not add to the Word that I command you.**

- ✧ **Do not take away from the Word that I command you.**

- ✧ You must keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

- ✧ Your eyes have seen that the Lord your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor, and all of you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today.

- ✧ I have taught you statutes and judgments as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should follow them in the land you go to possess.

- ✧ Be careful to observe and obey them, because this is your wisdom and understanding in the sight of the people who will hear all these laws. They will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.”

- ✧ What great nation is there that has God so near as the Lord our God is to us that for any cause we may call upon Him?

- ✧ What great nation is there that has statutes and judgments as righteous as this law I set before you today?

- ✧ Be diligent and keep yourself all the days of your life, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen and they depart from your heart.

### ✧ **Teach them to your children and your children's children.**

- ✧ Remember how you stood before the Lord your God in Horeb when the Lord said, “Gather the people to Me and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.”

- ✧ **You came and stood at the foot of the mountain** as it burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness.
- ✧ **The Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire, you heard the sound of His Words but saw no form, you only heard His voice.**
- ✧ **He declared to you His covenant He commanded you to perform, The Ten Commandments, He wrote them on two tablets of stone.**

- ✧ The Lord commanded me to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might perform them in the land you cross over to possess.
- ✧ When the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, you saw no form, so be very careful, lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast on the earth, the likeness of any bird that flies in the air, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, or the likeness of any fish that is in the water beneath the earth.
- ✧ Be very careful, lest you raise your eyes to heaven and see the sun, moon, stars, or all the host of heaven and you feel driven to worship them and serve them. They are objects the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole Heaven as a heritage.
- ✧ The Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace of Egypt, to be His people, His inheritance, as you are today.
- ✧ The Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I would not cross over this Jordan, that I would not enter the good land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance. I must die in this land, I must not cross over the Jordan.
- ✧ You shall cross over and possess that good land. So take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, lest you make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything the Lord your God has forbidden you.
- ✧ Because, The Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Deut 5:28-33

The Heart cry of the Lord, that the people would obey

The Lord responds to the request of Israel that He speak to them only through Moses lest they die.

**The Lord heard the words you spoke to me and the Lord said:**

- ✧ “I have heard the words the people have spoken to you, they are right in what they say.
- ✧ **Oh that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and keep My commandments always, that it might go well with them and their children forever.**
- ✧ Tell them to return to their tents, but you stay here by Me and I will speak to you all **the commandments, statutes, and judgments you are to teach them, that they may obey them in the land I am giving them to possess.**
- ✧ Therefore **you shall be careful to do all the Lord your God has commanded you.**
- ✧ You shall not turn to the right or to the left, but you shall walk in all the ways the Lord your God has commanded you, **that it might go well with you and that you may prolong your days in the land you will possess.**

Deut 6:1-3

These are the commandments, statutes, and judgments the Lord your God commanded me to teach you.

- ✧ That you may obey them in the land you are crossing over to possess.
- ✧ **That you, your sons, and your grandsons** may fear the Lord your God and keep all His statutes and commandments I command you all the days of your life.
- ✧ That your days may be prolonged.
- ✧ Therefore, hear O Israel and be careful to obey, that it may be well with you.
- ✧ That you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you in a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deut 6:4-5

✧ **Hear O Israel, The Lord, our God, the Lord, is one.**

✧ **You shall love the Lord our God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.**

Deut 6:6-9

Diligently teach your children

- ✧ These words I command you today shall be **in your heart.**
- ✧ **Teach them diligently to your children.**
- ✧ Talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

- ✧ Bind them as a sign on your hand.
- ✧ They shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
- ✧ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deut 6:10-19

### Beware, lest you forget

When the Lord your God brings you into the land He swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to large and beautiful cities you did not build, houses full of good things you did not fill, wells you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees you did not plant, ↔ When you have eaten and are full:

- ✧ Beware; that you do not forget the Lord Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- ✧ You shall fear and serve the Lord your God.
- ✧ You shall take oaths in His Name.
- ✧ You shall not go after other gods like the gods of the people who are around you, because the Lord your God is a jealous God among you.
  - ✧ Lest the anger of the Lord your God be aroused against you and you are destroyed from the face of the earth.
- ✧ You shall not tempt the Lord your God, as you tempted Him in Massah.
- ✧ You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, His testimonies, and statutes He has commanded you.
- ✧ You shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord.
- ✧ That it may be well with you.
- ✧ That you may go in and possess the land the Lord swore to your fathers.
- ✧ That you may cast out all your enemies from before you as the Lord has said.

Deut 6:20-25

**When your son asks you in time to come**, “What is the meaning of the testimonies, statutes, and judgments the Lord our God has commanded you?” **You shall say to your son:**

- ✧ “We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The Lord showed signs and wonders before our eyes, great and severe signs against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all his household.
- ✧ The Lord brought us out of there **that** He might bring us in to give us the land He swore to our fathers.
- ✧ The Lord commanded us to obey all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God always **for** our own good, **that** He might preserve us alive as it is this day.
- ✧ **It will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to obey all these commands** before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.”

Deut 11:18-21

### Treasure God’s Words for a blessing.

- ✧ Therefore, you shall lay up these Words of Mine in your heart and soul.
- ✧ Bind them as a sign on your hand.
- ✧ They shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
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Deut 31:9-13

### Read this law to all the people Book of the Law given at Moab

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- ✧ At the appointed time in the **end of every seven years** in the **year of release, at the Feast of Tabernacles** when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God in the place He chooses;
- ✧ **You shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing.**
- ✧ Gather the people together, men, women, little ones, and the stranger living among you;
- ✧ **That they may hear.**
- ✧ That they may learn to fear the Lord your God.

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Deut 32:44-47 **This Law Is Your Life**

Moses and Joshua came to all Israel and Moses spoke all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, then he said to them:

- ✧ Take to heart all the words I proclaim to you today.
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## VALUE OF DISCIPLINE

Prov 13:24 **Show love by discipline of your children**

- ✧ He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

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- ✧ Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

## RIGHT BALANCE IN DISCIPLINE

Eph 6:4 **Do not be dictatorial toward your children**

- ✧ Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the fear and instruction of the Lord

Phil 2:19-24 **Paul's fatherly confidence in Timothy**

- ✧ I plan to send Timothy to you soon.
- ✧ That I may be encouraged when I know of your state.
- ✧ I have no one like minded, who will sincerely care for your state.
- ✧ All seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.
- ✧ **You know Timothy's proven character, that as a son with his father, he served with me in the Gospel.**
- ✧ Therefore, I hope to send him to you as soon as I see how it goes with me.
- ✧ I trust the Lord that I myself may also come soon, encouraged.

Colo 3:21 **Do not be tyrannical toward your children**

- ✧ Fathers, Do not embitter your children, or they may become discouraged.

1 Thes 2:1-12 **Paul's example of fatherly teaching**

- ✧ You know that our coming to you was not in vain.
- ✧ After we had suffered and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know,
- ✧ We were bold in our God to speak to you the Gospel of God in much conflict.
- ✧ Our exhortation did not come from deceit, uncleanness or in guile.
- ✧ We speak as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the Gospel.
- ✧ **We do not speak to please men, but to please God Who tests the hearts.**
- ✧ As you know, we did not use flattering words nor a cloak for covetousness - God is witness.
- ✧ **We did not seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as Apostles of Christ.**
- ✧ **We were gentle among you, like a nursing mother cherishes her own children.**
- ✧ **Affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the Gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.**
- ✧ Brethren, you remember our labor and toil.
- ✧ We labored night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.
- ✧ We preached to you the Gospel of God.
- ✧ You and God also are witnesses of how devoutly, justly, and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe.
- ✧ **You know how we exhorted, comforted, charged every one of you, as a father does his own children.**

† **We taught that you should walk worthy of God Who calls you into His Own Kingdom and Glory.**

1 Timothy 1:3-7 Be careful of the doctrine you teach

† As I urged you when I went to Macedonia;

† Remain in Ephesus that you may charge some to;

† **Teach no other doctrine.**

† Give no heed to fables and endless genealogies.

◇ These things cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

† **The purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith.**

† Some have strayed from these and have turned aside to idle talk.

† They desire to be teachers of the law.

† They do not understand what they say nor the things which they affirm.

## CHILDREN

Ex 20:1-17  
people.

**From the mountain, God spoke the Ten Commandments in the hearing of the**

1. "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
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8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Ex 21:15

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Ex 21:17

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## Children, there is Value in instruction

Prov 1:2-6 Purpose of the Proverbs

- ✧ **To know wisdom** and **instruction, to perceive the words of understanding,**
- ✧ **To receive** the **instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment,** and **impartiality;**
- ✧ **To give prudence to the simple, to give knowledge and discretion to the young man**
- ✧ **A wise man will hear and increase learning,** and **a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,**
- ✧ **To understand** a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles.

Prov 1:7 ✧ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, wisdom and discipline,**  
but fools despise them all.

Prov 1:8-9 ✧ **My son, hear the instruction of your father,** and **do not forsake the law of your mother.**

They will be a graceful ornament on your head, and rich chains about your neck.

Prov 1:10 ✧ **My son,** if sinners entice you, do not consent with them (reject evil influences).

Prov 1:15 ✧ **My son,** do not walk in the way of evil men, keep your foot from their path;

Prov 2:1-9 ✧ **My son, if you receive my words,** and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; **if** you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, **if** you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures;

- ✧ **Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.**

✧ For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

✧ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk uprightly;

✧ He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints.

- ✧ **Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path.**

Prov 2:10-22 Guiding value of wisdom

**When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul:**

- ✧ Then **discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you,**

✧ To deliver you from:

✧ **The way of evil, the man who speaks perverse things, those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness;** who rejoice in doing evil, and delight in the perversity of the wicked; whose ways are crooked, and who are devious in their paths.

✧ To deliver you from:

✧ **The immoral woman,** the seductress who flatters with her words, who forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

Ψ Her house leads down to death, and her paths to the dead; None who go to her return, nor do they regain the paths of life

- ✧ **So you may walk in the way of goodness, and keep to the paths of righteousness.**

✧ For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it.

✧ But the wicked will be cut off from the earth, and the unfaithful will be uprooted from it.

Prov 3:1-2 ✧ **My son,** do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; For length of days and long

- life and peace they will add to you.
- Prov 3:3-4 ☆ **My son**, Do not let mercy and truth leave you, bind them around your neck, write them on the tablets of your heart.
- ◇ In so doing you will find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.
- Prov 3:5-6 ☆ **Trust in the Lord with all your heart** and do not depend on your own understanding.
- ☆ **Acknowledge God in all your ways**, and He will guide your steps.
- Prov 3:7-8 **Against Pride and Egotism**
- ☆ Do not be wise in your own eyes.
  - ☆ Fear the Lord and depart from evil.
  - ◇ It will be health for your flesh, and strength to your bones.
- Prov 3:11-12 ☆ **My son**, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor detest His correction;
- ✧ For the LORD loves whom He corrects, just as a father loves the son in whom he delights.
- Prov 3:13-18 **Blessing of finding wisdom and understanding**
- ☆ Blessed is the man who finds **wisdom** and gains **understanding**.
  - ◇ The benefits are better than the profits of silver, fine gold, rubies and all the things you may desire. Nothing can be compared to these.
  - ◇ In her right hand are length of days, and in her left hand are riches and honor.
  - ◇ Her ways are pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.
  - ◇ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her and all who retain her are blessed.
- Prov 3:21 ☆ **My son**, let wisdom and understanding not depart from your eyes.
- ☆ Keep sound wisdom and discretion;
  - ◇ They will be life to your soul and grace to your neck.
  - ◇ You will walk safely in your way and your foot will not stumble.
  - ◇ When you lie down you will not be afraid and your sleep will be sweet.
  - ☆ Do not fear sudden terror or trouble from the wicked when it comes.
  - ◇ Because the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.
- Prov 4:1-9 **Get wisdom and understanding**
- ☆ **My children**, Listen to the instruction of a father, and pay attention to gain understanding; I give you good doctrine so do not forsake my law.
  - ◇ When I was my father's son, tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,
  - ◇ He taught me, saying to me:
    - ✧ "Let your heart retain my words; keep my commands, and live.
    - ✧ **Get wisdom! Get understanding!**
    - ✧ Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.
    - ✧ Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will keep you.
    - ✧ **Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.**
    - ✧ Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honor, when you embrace her.
    - ✧ She will place on your head an ornament of grace; and she will deliver to you a crown of glory."
- Prov 4:10-13 ☆ **My son**, listen and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many.
- ◇ I have taught you in the way of wisdom, and led you in right paths.
  - ◇ When you walk, your steps will not falter, and when you run, you will not stumble.
  - ◇ Take firm hold of instruction, keep her and do not let her go, for she is your life.
- Prov 4:20-22 **Value of Instruction**
- ☆ **My son**, listen closely to my words; incline your ear to my sayings, do not let them slip from your sight, and keep them firm in your heart.
  - ◇ They are life to those who find them and health to their flesh.
- Prov 5:1-2 ☆ **My son**, Take heed to my wisdom and give your ear to hear my understanding.
- ◇ That you may maintain prudence and your lips reveal knowledge.
- Prov 5:3-23 ☆ **My son**, Beware of the lure of immorality.
- ◇ Though it may appear as sweet as honey, the end is the way to death.
  - ◇ The ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord and He considers all your paths.
- Prov 6:1-5 ☆ **My son**, Beware of becoming surety for a friend, lest you be snared by the words of your own mouth.
- Prov 6:20-23 **Value of my commandments**

20. My son, keep your father's command, and do not forsake the law of your mother.
21. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck.
22. When you roam, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you; and when you awake, they will speak with you.
23. For the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light; reproofs of instruction are the way of life,  
(NKJ)

Prov 7:1-4

1. My son, keep my words, and treasure my commands within you.
2. Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye.
3. Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.
4. Say to wisdom, "You are my sister," and call understanding your nearest kin,  
(NKJ)

Prov 10:1

A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

Prov 13:1

A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

Prov 13:24

He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.

Prov 15:20

A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.

Prov 17:2

A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame, and will share an inheritance among the brothers.

Prov 17:25

A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.

Prov 19:13

A foolish son is the ruin of his father, and the contentions of a wife are a continual dripping.

Prov 19:18

Chasten your son while there is hope, and do not set your heart on his destruction.

Prov 19:26

He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother is a son who causes shame and brings reproach.

Prov 19:27

Cease listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

Prov 23:15-16

My son, if your heart is wise, my heart will rejoice-- indeed, I myself; yes, my inmost being will rejoice when your lips speak right things.

Prov 23:19-21

19. Hear, my son, and be wise; and guide your heart in the way.
20. Do not mix with winebibbers, or with gluttonous eaters of meat;
21. For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.  
(NKJ)

Prov 23:24-26

24. The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, and he who begets a wise child will delight in him.
25. Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her who bore you rejoice.
26. My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.  
(NKJ)

Prov 24:13-14

- ✧ My son, eat honey because it is good, and the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste;
- ✧ Thus the knowledge of wisdom will be sweet to your soul; if you have found it, there is expectancy, and your hope will not be cut off.

Prov 24:21-22

- ✧ **My son**, fear the LORD and the king
- ✧ **Do not associate with those given to change;**
- ✧ **For their calamity will rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin those two can bring?**

Prov 27:11

- ✧ My son, be wise, and make my heart glad;
- ✧ That I may answer him who reproaches me.

Prov 28:7

- ✧ Whoever keeps the law is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons shames his father.

Prov 29:17

- ✧ Correct your son, and he will give you rest; yes, he will give delight to your soul.

Prov 31:2-9

**A mother's instructions to King Lemuel her son**

- 2 What, my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows?
- 3 Do not give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings.
- 4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating drink;
- 5 Lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the justice of all the afflicted.
- 6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those who are bitter of heart.
- 7 Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
- 8 Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die.
- 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.  
(NKJ)

Matt 18:1-14

## God values little children

- ✚ Whoever humbles himself like this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- ✚ Whoever receives a little child like this, in My Name receives Me.
- ✚ It would be better for one to have a millstone hung around his neck and for him to be drowned in the depth of the sea, than for him to causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin.
  - ✧ Woe to the world because of enticements that cause people to sin!
    - ✧ Enticements must come, but woe to the person through whom the enticements come.
    - ✧ It would be better to lose a hand, foot, or eye, than to be cast into the Everlasting Fire.
- ✚ Beware, lest your despise one of these little ones, because I tell you, in Heaven their angels

Matt 19:13-15

- ✚ Let little children come to Me, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.

Mark 9:36-37

- ✚ Receiving little children in the name of Jesus is to receive Jesus and God.

Mark 10:13-16

- ✚ Let little children come to Me, because to such belong the Kingdom of Heaven.
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Luke 9:46-48

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John 8:33-59

## Evidence of whose children you are.

Children **of Abraham**, Children **of God**, or children **of the Devil**.

- ✧ If you were children of Abraham, you would do the works of Abraham. Abraham did not seek to kill Me.
- ✧ If you were children of God, you would love Me because I came from God. He who is from God hears God's Words.
- ✧ You are from your father, the Devil, and you want to do the works of your father. The Devil was a murderer from the beginning and does not abide in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he does so from his own heart, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Eph 6:1-3

## Command to obey parents

- ✚ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- ✚ Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise.
  - ✧ That it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.

Colo 3:20

- ✚ Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

1 Timothy 3:1-7

## Bishop

If a man desires to be a Bishop, he desires a good work.

- ✚ A bishop must be:
  - ✧ Blameless.
  - ✧ The husband of one wife.
  - ✧ Temperate.
  - ✧ Sober-minded.
  - ✧ Of good behavior.
  - ✧ Hospitable.
  - ✧ Able to teach.
  - ✧ Not given to much wine.
  - ✧ Not violent.
  - ✧ Gentle.
  - ✧ Not quarrelsome.
  - ✧ Not covetous.
  - ✧ **He must rule his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence.**

**If a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the Church of God?**

- ✧ He must not be a novice.
  - ✧ Lest being puffed up with pride, he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.
- ✧ He must have a good testimony among those who are outside.
  - ✧ Lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Tim 3:8-13

## Deacons

Deacons must be:

- ✚ Reverent.
- ✚ Honest in speech.

- † Not given to much wine.
- † Not greedy for money.
- † Holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience.
- † Proven.
- † Blameless.
- † **Ruling his children and his own house well.**
- † Husband of one wife.

Their wives must be:

- † Reverent.
- † Temperate.
- † Faithful in all things.
- † Not slanderers.

For those who have served well as deacons, obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Titus 1:5-9

### Elders

- † The reason I left you in Crete is that you should set in order the things that are lacking.
- † Appoint Elders in every city as I commanded you.
- † An Elder must be:
  - ◇ The husband of one wife.
  - ◇ **His children must be faithful.**
  - ◇ He must not be accused of dissipation (distraction, dispersion, driving away, pursuing excessive pleasure, spending lavishly)
- † A Bishop must be:
  - ◇ Blameless as a steward of God.
  - ◇ Not self willed.
  - ◇ Not quick tempered.
  - ◇ Not given to much wine.
  - ◇ Not violent.
  - ◇ Not greedy for money.
  - ◇ Hospitable.
  - ◇ A lover of what is good.
  - ◇ Sober minded.
  - ◇ Just.
  - ◇ Holy.
  - ◇ Self-controlled.
  - ◇ Holding fast the faithful Word as he has been taught.
    - ⌘ That he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

Hebrews 12:1-11 **Advantage of being chastised by the Lord**

(and everyone undergoes discipline),

1. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.
2. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
3. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
4. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.
5. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "**My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.**"
7. Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For **what son is not disciplined by his father?**
8. **If you are not disciplined, you are illegitimate children and not true sons.**
9. Besides, **we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it.** How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!
10. Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our own good, that we may share in his holiness.

11. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.