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Intro:

XIV. Better Homes and Relationships

A. The New Man Affects Wives - (1st relationship of the Family) - vs 18

1. Reasons why it doesn't mean what it means (says)

- a. It's not Spirit inspired, but Paul's rabbinical attitude about women
- b. Paul is speaking from Gen 2, not Gen 1 where it teaches the sexes are equal. Based on discredited hypothesis on the composition of the Pentateuch, so again Paul is teaching from uninspired texts
- c. It is "Cultural" and does not apply to our society

2. Reasons why it means what it says

- a. Principles of authority and submission found throughout the NT
 - i. 1 Co 11:3 teaches the headship of men and his submission to Christ and Christ' submission to the Father
 - ii. 1 Co 14: 34-35 teaches that women are to be silent in the churches, if they have questions, let them ask their husbands
 - iii. 1 Tim 2:11-14 teaches that women should not teach or exercise authority over men
- b. The principle of equality of women is also taught
 - i. Gal 3:28 teaches that salvation is for men and women alike
 - ii. 1 Pet 3:7 teaches that women are heirs together of the grace of life
- c. Roles of submission do not negate equality nor support superiority
- d. Do we say the same about husbands loving their wives - vs 19
- e. All attacks on straight forward teachings of scripture deal devastating wounds on marriage, who but Satan wants that.

3. The teaching - Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

- a. submit - **hupotasso** - to subordinate or subject oneself
 - i. Used of Jesus submitting to His parents - Lk 2:51
 - ii. Used of the demons submitting to the disciples - Lk 10:17, 20
 - iii. Used of us submitting to God's commands - Ro 8:7
 - iv. Used of us submitting to human government - Ro 13:1, 5
 - v. Used of when all things will be in submission to Christ and God - 1 Co 15:27-28; Eph 1:22
- b. to your own husbands - Eph 5:3,22; Tit 2:5; 1Pe 3:1
 - i. not to an impersonal detached authority
 - ii. But to the one with whom she has an intimate relationship
- c. as is fitting in the Lord
 - i. Expresses an obligation
 - ii. According to design

B. The New Man Affects Husbands - (1st relationship of the Family) - vs 19

1. Love - **agapao** - present tense of the command means to continually love.
 - a. not the love of passion or emotion
 - b. the love of choice - Eph 5:25,28,33
 - i. willing covenant love that is actively self-sacrificing
 - ii. 1 Pet 3:7 that dwells with the wife with understanding,
 - caring for her as the weaker vessel
 - honoring her as a co-heir of the grace of life
2. Do not be bitter toward them - **pikraino** - to embitter, be (make) bitter.
 - a. Could be translated "Stop being Bitter" - Eph 4:31;
 - b. Stop calling her honey and act like vinegar
 - i. displaying harshness toward wife
 - ii. Being irritable with them
 - c. 1 Co 7:33-34 calls for mutual pleasing of the other

C. The New Man Affects Children - (2nd relationship of the Family) - vs 20

1. Children,
 - a. teknon - general term for children, no specific age group
 - b. obey your parents - **hupakouo** - demands a continual obedience
 - c. in all things
 - i. limited only by divine command
 - ii. Some may have to disobey parents to come to the Lord
 - Lk 12:51-53 - I came to divide members of a family
 - Lk 14:26 come to me and not hate your own parents
2. for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

D. The New Man Affects Parents - vs 21

1. Fathers - **pateres** - a "father" could be translated parents as in Heb 11:23
2. do not provoke your children
 - a. **erethizo** - to stimulate (especially to anger):--provoke.
 - b. could be translated "stop nagging your kids"
3. lest they become discouraged
 - a. **athumeo** - to loose heart, to be without courage
 - b. Several mistakes parents make
 - i. Overprotection, strict rules not allowing liberty,
 - a lack of trust creates a spirit that doesn't trust
 - usually leads to rebellion
 - ii. Showing favoritism or comparing children with their siblings
 - iii. Depreciating their worth
 - what they do and how they feel is not important
 - many do this by not listening
 - iv. Setting unrealistic goals
 - never rewarding or letting them feel successful

- nothing is enough and they never feel approval
- v. Failing to show affection
 - your love needs to be communicated in word and deed
 - alienation will result otherwise
- vi. Not providing for their needs
 - privacy, playtime, clean clothes, a place to study, their own possessions, food.
 - respect and concern
- vii. A lack of standards
 - failure to discipline
 - inconsistency in discipline
 - being left on their own creates insecurity
- viii. Criticism (not constructive)
 - results in self condemnation and finding fault
 - results in self doubt, self deprecation, and distrust of the intentions of others
- ix. Neglect or indifference toward the child (Absalom)
- x. Excessive Discipline
 - verbal, physical, in anger

c. bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. - Eph 6:4

E. The New Man Affects Servants - vs 22-25

1. Bondservants, obey your masters according to the flesh,
 - a. in all things—only limited by divine command
 - b. not with eye-service, as men-pleasers,/ not just doing your duty
 - c. but in sincerity of heart, fearing God,. serving as if doing God's will to please Him
2. And whatever you do, 1 Co 10:31; Ro 6:9-11; 14:7-9; 2 Co 5:17; Ga 2:19
 - a. do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,
 - b. knowing
 - i. that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance;
 - 1 Co 3:10-15; 2 Co 5:10-11
 - ii. for you **serve** the Lord Christ. - **douleuo** - to be a slave to, be in bondage, (do) serve(-ice).
3. But he who does wrong
 - a. will be repaid for what he has done, - Gal 6:7; Heb 12:5-6
 - b. and there is no partiality. - Ro 2:11; Eph 6:9; 1Pe 1:17

F. The New Man Affects Masters - 4:1

1. Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair,
2. knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.
3. treat them the way you want to be treated by your Master