Intro:

**EPHESIANS 5:22-6:9 | SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 SENIOR PASTOR TIM HARKNESS** 



1	_ submit yourselves to your own husbands. (5:22-24)
2	love your wives sacrificially. (5:25-32)

3.	obey your	parents.	(6:1-9	7

Conclusion:

## **New Reading Plan:**

Monday, Sept. 5th - 2 Peter 2:13-3:7 Walk in His steps

Tuesday, Sept. 6th - Colossians 3:17-4:6 Do everything in His name

Wednesday, Sept. 7th - 1 Corinthians 7:1-16 Principles for marriage

Thursday, Sept. 8th - Deuteronomy 6:1-13 Write it on your doorposts

Friday, Sept. 9th - Ephesians 6:10-20 Call to War



## **KEY PASSAGE: Ephesians 5:22-6:9**

Opening: Read Ephesians 5:22-6:9. From the passage/sermon, what truths impacted you the most?

- 1. Read Ephesians 5:22-24, Colossians 3:18 and 1 Peter 3:1-6.
  - a. List the commands given to wives in regard to submission.
  - b. Why are wives supposed to pursue these things?
  - c. What are the roadblocks and challenges that get in the way of being obedient to these?
  - d. The world degrades the idea of submission. How would you explain the principal of submission in a Christ-centered marriage to a non-Christian?
- 2. Read Ephesians 5:25-33, Colossians 3:19 and 1 Peter 3:7.
  - a. List the commands given to husbands in regard to loving and leading.
  - b. Why are husbands supposed to pursue these things?
  - c. What are the roadblocks and challenges that get in the way of being obedient to these?



- d. Describe the differences between a husband who is a servant-leader, an "avoider", an "enabler", and a "dominator".
- 3. Read Ephesians 6:1-4 and Colossians 3:20-21.
  - a. List the commands given in these passages.
  - b. How can we, as adults, honor our parents even though we don't have to obey them?
  - c. How can parents discipline their children without provoking them to anger?
- 4. Read Ephesians 6:5-9, Colossians 3:22-25 and 1 Peter 2:18-21.
  - a. List the commands given in these passages.
  - b. What does it mean to work "as to the Lord"?
  - c. Compare/contrast the actions and attitudes of someone who is a "people pleaser" with one who does "the will of God from the heart".

## Application:

Women: In what ways do you struggle with submission? How will you let God help you overcome this?

Men: What kind of leader do you think you are? How will you let God help you become more of a servant-leader?