

Families At A Crossroads

Men, It's Up To You. Love Your Family Ephesians 5.21-6.9

Christianity changed the family dynamic.

Everyone Knows Family Matters

Don't lose sight of the radical and liberating context of this passage

Our world is different than their world because Christianity changed the world

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

6.1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

Something new, radical and unique to the Christian movement was about to be unloaded on the people of Ephesus

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger,

9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Marriage, and by extension the family, is about mutual submission. Put your spouse first in all things.

Followers of Jesus live differently than non-followers. That is evident

in the home.

The primary responsibility for loving Christian homes rests on the husband. Men love your wives and you kids

Christianity shifts the responsibility for a stable and fulfilling home life from the wife and children to the man.