

# Maturity – a Godly Home

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# A Godly Home Requires

- Respect for the authority of Christ
  - Verse 17 “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of Christ”
  - Verse 18 “As is fitting in the Lord”
  - Verse 20 “For this is well pleasing in the Lord”

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- **Wives who submit to their husbands (V 18)**
  - **Submission is an attitude of heart that submits to the authority of Christ.**
    - **Like the church's submission to Christ (Eph. 5:22-24)**
    - **Comes from "the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight" (1 Pet. 3:4b)**
    - **It is the "fitting thing to do" (Col. 3:18).**

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- Husbands who “Love their wives...”  
(Col. 3:19)
  - Like Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it (Eph. 5:25)
  - To bring out very the best in her
    - “That He might present it to Himself not having spot or wrinkle...” (Eph. 5:27)
  - It takes understanding (1 Pet. 3:7)
- Husbands who “... are not harsh with her”  
(Col. 3:19)

**How important is all of this?  
Peter says: “That your prayers  
be not hinder” (1 Pet. 3:7)**

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- Children who obey their parents  
(Col. 3:20)
  - Paul adds in Eph. 6:1-3 that this is a command with promise of long life.
- Fathers who exercise proper discipline  
(Col. 3:21)

# Questions

- **To the married – Is this a description of your marriage?**
- **To children – is this the way you treat your parents?**
- **To fathers – is this the way you are raising your children?**