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"IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."

JOHN 14:15

3. HOW TO BRING HONOR TO YOUR FAMILY?

◆ TO GOD?

To honor God means, first and foremost, that you recognize Him as the highest authority in Heaven and on Earth. He is the One who created the universe, from giant planets to the tiniest grain of sand, and no person, power, spirit, or force can contend with His greatness and might.

Another critical revelation to honoring God is recognizing that we, as humans, are sinners. Therefore, we need a loving Savior's mercy, grace, and power to love, protect, and guide us on our life journey.

Honoring God also means that we submit to His ways and know that He has a good and excellent plan for our lives *John 10:10*. This requires that we walk in obedience to Him and trust His ways, even when we don't understand why bad things are happening to us.

Lastly, and most importantly, to honor God means to respect Him for what He does for us and love Him for Who He is.

Honoring God is a daily commitment. The following are ways in which we can give Him the honor He deserves every day.

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◆ TO YOUR SPOUSE?

Fundamental unity and oneness cannot be experienced unless the husband and wife know, accept, and fulfill their various but complementary GOD-given responsibilities.

HUSBAND'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HIS WIFE

The husband's GOD-given responsibilities to his wife involve the leadership that God expects of a husband – Ephesians 5:22-33.

Today, when leadership is spoken of, we often think about giving orders and being the boss. But that is not Biblical leadership. The Lord's concept of a leader is not a dictator but a person who, first and foremost a "servant" – Matthew 20:20-28. His concern is not for himself; his problem is not to give orders, boss other people around, or have his way. His first concern is to meet the needs of others – Ephesians 5:21.

Christ has given us the model of a Godly Leader for us as the husband's within the City of Refuge.

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The husband's goal should be to become gentle, loving, and tender-hearted. We are refraining from lecturing to our wife. A critical factor in a husband providing for the wife is the ability to listen. This is sometimes a struggle for the husband, who is hardwired to be a fixer.

You see, when your wife needs to talk with her husband, there are one of two primary reasons to talk:

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WIFE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HER HUSBAND

Genuine unity requires the sorting of responsibilities. Imagine the confusion on a football team if no one knew the burden on the team. It would be complete chaos, unable to progress on the field and work together as a team.

The concept of submission in today's world is seen as a derogatory belittling and even oppression. Now use the word "submission" within the family for the wife.

The concept of submission is not only a Biblical expectation by God Himself to wives but to all Christians.

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Submission does not mean that the wife becomes enslaved. Actually, the wife is never freer than when she is in submission to her husband, for then she is free to become all that God has intended her to become.

Submission does not mean that the wife is inferior to the husband.

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Submission is a positive, not a negative, concept. It emphasizes what the wife should be doing rather than what she should not do. Submission means that she sees herself as a part of her husband's team. She is not her husband's opponent fighting at cross-purpose or trying to undo him. She is not merely an individual going her operate way.

◆ TO YOUR CHILDREN?

We can read from Ephesians 6:13 – "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (the first commandment with a

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promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.”

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SO, IN SUMMARY, FOR THE HOME THAT IS A CITY OF REFUGE.

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What is the application for our family and us? ___ To bring honor to our family requires that we, individually, bring honor to God first and foremost. ___

“Time is a Blessing of God, but we allow Satan to control.”

Gaylin Anderson