The Glory of the Christian Family

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The family is good, grueling, and glorious.

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior.

Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

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

that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.



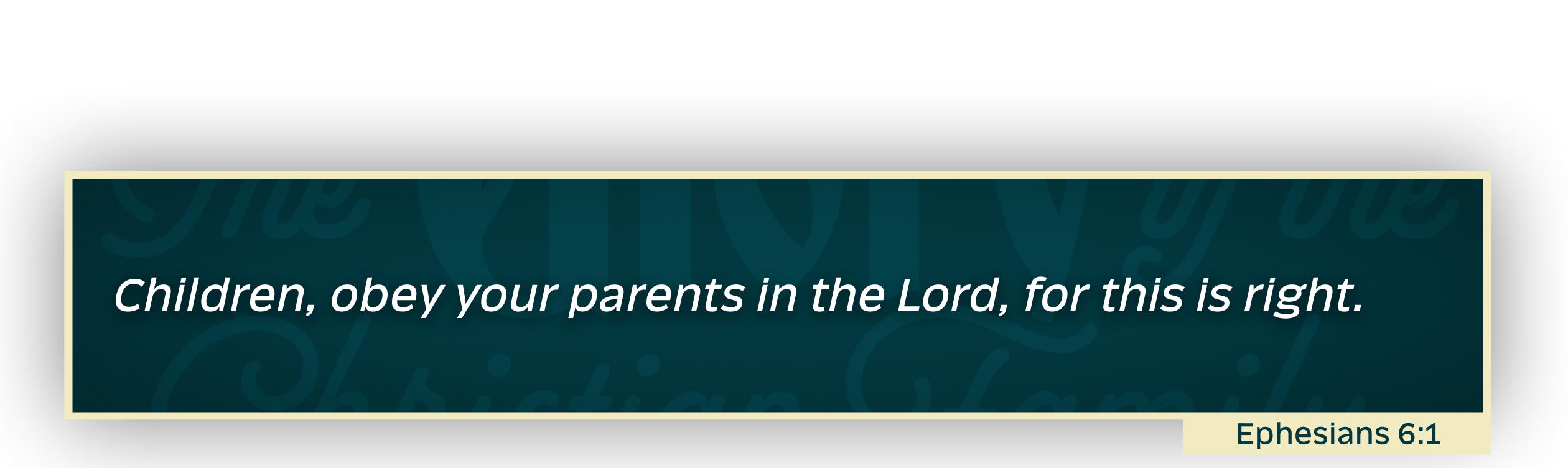
For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,

because we are members of His body.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."



However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise),

"that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The Design of the Family

The Destruction of the Family

The Display of the Family

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