23.10.22 Christ-centered Relationships Ephesians 5:19 – 33 Notes

INTRODUCTION

The morning, in Ephesians chapter 5 we receive instruction that encourages us to:

**Build strong relationships.**

1. **To build strong relationships, put at the**

 Jesus

 Jesus. Matthew 16.24

 to Jesus. Ephesians 5:1 – 2

Jesus  in submission to the Father. John 6:38; Philippians 2:5 – 8

Actions that demonstrate I am  in submission to Jesus. Verses 3 – 4

My submission to Christ brings into focus   to lovingly submit to others in the church and in marriage.

1. **To build strong relationships in the church, practice submission.** verses 18 – 21

Mutual submission means submit to one another out of  to Christ.

The last result here of living a Spirit-filled life is submission to other believers.

Mutual  is mutual …

*One Anothers…*

1. **To build strong relationships in marriage practice submission.**

Don’t be unequally . 2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 7:12 – 14

The marriage relationship is a  of the relationship between Christ and His church. Verse 23

The verb submit signifies subordination to those considered  of respect… verse 22

God’s foundational building block for society is the , and God prescribes order and structure here.

In Christ’s structure for the family,  are called to submit to their husbands. Verse 22

This submission is an    to the Lord.

In Christ’s structure for the family,  are called to love their wives the same way Christ loved the church. Verses 25 – 33

As the husband submits to Christ, he lovingly leads his wife.

This love requires an attitude of

This love requires

This love involves

This is what allows this building block of society to  and to proclaim God’s loving goodness to the world.

CONCLUSION

Healthy  come from a healthy  in God.