

# **“The New Self In the Home”**

New Hope Community Church  
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## **Life Group Meeting**

Colossians 3:18-21

### QUESTIONS

#### **A. God Has Given the Wife A Role of Subjection (18)**

1. It is important to understand **how** this is to be implemented
  - The command literally means to ‘place **yourself** under’
  - Subjection is not to be demanded or **forced** by the husband
  - This is to be done **for** the Lord, in **strength** of the Lord
2. Consider others with the **same** role of subjection
  - **The Church**  
‘As the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives {ought to be} to their husbands in everything’ (Eph 5:24)
  - **The Son** (1 C 15:28)  
‘For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me’ (Jn 6:38)
3. God’s creative plan includes the role of **headship** and authority
  - This is a reflection of the very **existence** of God Himself  
‘God is the head of Christ’ (1 C 11:3)
  - This was **established** in the Garden of Eden (Gn 2,3)
  - This is why the wife’s act of subjection is **fitting** in the Lord

► **Assignment:** Wives, ask your husband if he feels you are subject to his leadership.

#### **B. God Has Given the Husband A Role of Loving (19)**

1. The wife should be the **continual** recipient of her husband’s love
  - This is not a love that is **conditional** —
  - This is a love that is **determined** —
  - This is a love that reflects Jesus’ love for His Church - selfless, **sacrificial**, serving (Eph 5:25-33)

► **Assignment:** Husbands, ask your wife, ‘How would you like me to love you?’ or ‘What would me loving you look like to you?’

2. The wife must not become the object of her husband’s **bitterness**
  - This most likely will be the result when there is no **love**
  - This is less likely to happen when you are **friends**

#### **C. God Has Given Children A Role of Obeying (20)**

1. The challenge is to change a child’s **natural** inclination
2. The primary advocate for bringing about change is the **parent**
  - Start the process from the very **beginning**
  - Teach them their need for Jesus and for **heart** change
  - Remind them often of the ultimate goal of **pleasing** God
3. Fathers, guard against your potential to cause **emotional** damage

1. Read Colossians 3:1-4, 18-21
2. Say together from memory Col. 3:1-4
3. If you were asked to describe the biblical concept of a wife being in subjection to her husband, and what this looked like in real life, what would you say?
4. Why do you think God gave to the wife this role of being in subjection to her husband?
5. How is it that the Bible teaches that Jesus is equal to the Father, and yet He is in subjection to Him? Can you explain this?
6. Why do you think the command is given to the husband to love his wife, but the same command is not given to the wife?
7. The love of a husband for his wife must be ‘determined’ love, not ‘conditional’ love. How will this make a difference in the marriage?
8. Why do you think ‘bitterness’ is singled out as something husbands must avoid?
9. How can a husband and wife effectively develop a friendship?
10. In teaching children to obey, what is the difference between ‘going after the behavior’ and ‘going for the heart’?
11. How can we effectively pray for one another?