

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 1, 2021
Ephesians 5:21-6:9

1. What were the final instructions in last week's passage, starting in verses 15-20?
 - a. Be very careful how you live.
 - b. Make the most of every opportunity because the days are evil.
 - c. Do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.
 - d. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.
 - e. Always give thanks to the Father for everything...

2. What does verse 21 say we are to do?
 - a. Make our wives submit to us.
 - b. Make our husbands love us.
 - c. Elbow your spouse as you're reading this scripture.
 - d. Submit to or "come under" one another out of reverence for Christ.

3. Is Paul just talking about spouses in this passage? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____

4. In verse 22, Paul instructs wives to "submit themselves" to their husbands. In what way, according to verses 23-24, is the husband is head of the wife?
 - a. He gets to order her around so that she does everything he wants.
 - b. In the same way that Christ is head of the church.
 - c. In the same way as the head is 'head' of a body.

5. How should a husband treat his wife, according to verses 25-30?
 - a. He should love her as Christ loved the church.
 - b. He should give himself up for her as Christ did for the church.
 - c. He should love her as he does his own body.
 - d. He should care for her as he would his own body.

6. How do you treat your spouse (if you have one...if not, how do you interact with other loved ones)?

7. How, according to 6:1, are children to ask with regard to their parents? _____

8. How, according to 6:4, are fathers (and perhaps mothers) supposed to act with regard to their children?
 - a. Do what you want, they're your children!
 - b. Do not exasperate your children.
 - c. Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

9. How do we deal with Paul's instructions to slaves, in 6:5-8?
 - a. Paul must have been advocating for slavery!
 - b. Paul was telling us how we should respond to authority, regardless of whether we believe that it is right.
 - c. Paul is pointing out that we should do our work as if God is watching and we are working for Him even if we don't agree with those who are in authority.

10. How should we act when we are the ones in authority, according to verse 9? _____
