

**FUTURE FAMILY**  
**You Have a Choice in the Matter**  
Pt.1 "Ideally Speaking"  
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**2 things in common**

**We didn't have a choice  
in the matter**

**No one you are related to  
is as smart as you are**

**Ephesians 6:1-2 (NIV)**

<sup>[1]</sup> **Children**, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

<sup>[2]</sup> "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise—

**Colossians 3:18 (NIV)**

<sup>[18]</sup> **Wives**, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

**Colossians 3:19 (NIV)**

<sup>[19]</sup> **Husbands**, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

**Colossians 3:21 (NIV)**

<sup>[21]</sup> **Fathers**, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

**1 Peter 3:7 (NIV)**

<sup>[7]</sup> **Husbands**, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

**IN SUMMARY:**

- **Husbands**, Love your wives and be considerate
- **Wives**, Submit to your husbands
- **Children**, Obey your parents
- **Fathers**, don't irritate your children

**REAL  
and  
IDEAL**

Jesus taught and pointed toward an ideal,  
yet refused to condemn those who fell short

**The IDEAL  
and  
what is REAL**

**Matthew 19:3-8 (NIV)**

<sup>[3]</sup> Some Pharisees came to him to **test** him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to **divorce** his wife for any and every reason?"

<sup>[4]</sup> "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the **beginning** the Creator 'made them male and female,'

<sup>[5]</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?

<sup>[6]</sup> So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

<sup>[7]</sup> "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

<sup>[8]</sup> Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning."