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As Unto The Lord

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3. Vs. 16-17. Put Word of Christ in Hearts...
4. Vs. 18-25. Put Obed. as your top Priority!

THE HIGHEST MOTIVE FOR DOING ANYTHING: unto the Lord! No matter your position NOW!

Note: This sounded extremely strange in light of the Frame of Reference in A. D. 64.

A. WIVES. Vs. 18.
1. Serve your husbands as though you were serving your Lord! Jesus! No matter what!
2. JEWISH TREATMENT OF WIVES:
   a. Wives SLAVES to husbands. Property!
      No legal rights. Could not divorce.
      Were the possession of a dictator often.
3. GREEK TREATMENT OF WIVES:
      Ill. Like Brigham Young's Bee Hive House. Salt Lake. 27 wives. Greek men did not EAT with any WOMEN. Kept them in servitude and chastity!! Yet...... husbands could visit as many mistresses as they pleased. Double-standard.
4. INBALANCE: All DUTIES to wives. All PRIVILEGES to husbands. Wrong! Unjust!!
5. JESUS: BALANCE: Mutual duties and privileges.
   EPH. 5:21. 5:25. Tit. 2:4-5. ICor. 7:1-5

B. CHILDREN. V. 20.
1. OBEY your parents as tho you were serving Jesus! No matter what! Easy then??????
2. ROMAN TREATMENT OF CHILDREN:
   a. PATRIA PO TES TES: "Law of the Father": Father could: enslave his child. Sell. Condemn to death. Kill. IMAGINE: "YOU being a farmer's son in the East. Traded for 2 horses, etc....
3. INBALANCE: All duties to child. All privileges to the parents.
C. SLAVES. V. 22. (Like: Employer–Employee today!) 
1. Obey your MASTERS as you would serve Jesus. No matter what! (Left slaves/freedom takes time) Easy? In light of their treatment????
3. INBALANCE: Duties to slaves. Privileges to Master.
4. JESUS: Mutual duties & advantages. Kind, considerate. humane. productive. Spiritual!! Note: Born-again Slaves and Born-again Master worshipped together. Rare: Slave an elder, Master under HIS Spr. supervision!!

II. GOAL OF JESUS: RIGHT ATTITUDES! ORDERLY SOCIETY.

A. Questions: when Service is UNTO THE LORD????
1. Husband or wife LEAD? Husband! Eph. 5:22-23
3. Employers or employees LEAD? Employer!!!

B. IF LESSER TRIES TO LEAD, THE LORD DISPLEASED
1. WHY? Because the STRONGER can FORCE the weaker into submission and obedience—or else

III. YOUNG PEOPLE & DATING: Volunteer information: WHO dating, WHERE? WHEN? TIME DESIRED FOR return! Parents CAN extract inf
2. Suppose: Suffer some injustices! Suffer!!!! Results FAR less than battle, if DON'T.

CONCLUSION: Jesus was "playing for time" for mankind to GROW UP! MATURE! PROGRESS! LEARN the blessings & advantages of justice & equity!

B. ULTIMATE REWARD, the greater: Vs. 24.

Born-again people rise to DIVINE HEIGHTS!!! Vs. 25: He who will not turn other cheek, or go second mile cannot be Christ's disciple. Matt. 16:24-26!!!

BRETHREN: If not LIVING as Born Again disciple; should: Lk. 13:3.

Get priorities straight: Matt. 6:33.