

PRAYER

- Pray that your whole family will be fully submitted to the Lordship of Christ and that you will have a harmonious and strong relationship with one another.

- Ask God to give you the grace to love and respect your husbands/wives/parents as written in His Word.

- Pray for reconciliation among your family members, relatives, or people you know who need restoration of relationships.



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Machonurin

Week 3

NOTES

CONNECT

- What is one thing that you appreciate about your wife/husband/mother/father?
- What activities do you enjoy doing as a couple or as a family? Why?
- In your home, who usually has the final say? Give examples.

WORD

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her . . .

Ephesians 5:21-25

A Filipino husband is called “machonurin” when his authority is subdued in the household and his wife takes the dominant role of making decisions for the family. This could be caused by personality or attitude issues, but if both husband and wife understand and fulfill their roles and responsibilities according to Scripture, the family is strengthened. What does the Bible say about the role of husbands and wives?

- **Husbands and wives are to submit to Christ.**

Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

1 Corinthians 11:3

When husbands and wives live under the authority of Christ, they follow God’s order for the family and enjoy a harmonious marriage. This means they live to seek and obey God’s will, not go after their own agenda. Thus, just as Christ is the authority over man whom he should honor, God has given man a position of authority over the family which should be honored by the wife.

- **Husbands ought to love their wives.**

Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

Colossians 3:19

A husband’s primary responsibility is to love his wife—to show care, kindness, and be sensitive to her. When he fulfills this role, it would be naturally easy for the wife to submit to him (Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 3:7,8).

- **Wives ought to respect their husbands.**

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Colossians 3:18

To ‘submit’ here means something that is done by the wife voluntarily as prompted and warranted by her husband’s love, devotion, and character. A wife’s submission should not be forced on her, but it should be out of the recognition that just like any other institution, her home needs a head and that authority is given by God to the husband. Submission is the best gift in response to godly leadership.

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- How can your family make sure that your lives are submitted to the leadership of Christ?
- Whatever your role is in your family right now (wife, husband, child), what attitude or habits do you need to improve on to help strengthen your family relationships?
- In what way can you better respect and/or love your husband/wife/parents?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What activity or practice can you initiate this week with your family to align your lives and decisions to God’s Word and will?
- This week, in what ways can you express respect and submission to the leadership of your husband or father at home?
- What can you commit to do for your wife or mother starting today to show her that you love her?