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II. Now read [Ephesians 5:22-24](#). Why is this verse “hard to swallow” for some Christians? Any examples? In what sense is Christ “the head” of the church? Is that bad or good for us? In what sense should a husband’s headship be good for a wife? Explain.

III. Now read [Ephesians 5:25-33](#). God gives much more explanation to men here, than he did to wives. Summarize the role of a husband in Christian marriage. Headship is leadership. What kind of leader was Christ? How should husbands’ leadership look like Christ? What happens when men fail to love their wives like Christ loved the church?

IV. Next read [Ephesians 6:1-4](#). What is the responsibility of children to their parents? What about kids whose parents are not God-honoring believers? Now review parental responsibilities from verse 4. What kind of things exasperate children? Note also [Colossians 3:21](#). Give some examples of how parents can raise their children in “the training and instruction of the Lord”.

V. Finally, read [Ephesians 6:5-9](#). Does the Bible endorse slavery? (Note [Titus 2:9](#), [1 Corinthians 7:20-24](#)) What directions does Paul give to slaves and to masters? How could his advice transfer into our modern employer/employee relationships?

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