

17) How do these verses apply to your life today?

18) What should your attitude be about the work you do?

19) What is the promise found in these verses? How can this promise help you?

**Ephesians 6: 9 (GW)**<sup>9</sup> Masters, treat your slaves with respect. Don't threaten a slave. You know that there is one master in heaven who has authority over both of you, and he doesn't play favorites.

20 ) How do this verse apply to your life today?

21) How can these verses from Ephesians help you with God's specific purpose for your life?

## God's Specific Purpose for Me

**Ephesians 5:22-24 (GW)**<sup>22</sup> Wives, place yourselves under your husbands' authority as you have placed yourselves under the Lord's authority.<sup>23</sup> The husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. It is his body, and he is its Savior.<sup>24</sup> As the church is under Christ's authority, so wives are under their husbands' authority in everything.

1) What is God's specific purpose for wives? Why?

2) Why is it important for a woman to marry a Christian man based on these verses?

3) How easy is it for a Christian woman to live this way in our society today?

**Ephesians 5:25 (GW)**<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.

4) What is God's specific purpose for husbands?

5) Is this even possible? Why or why not?

**Ephesians 5:26-29 (GW)**<sup>26</sup> He did this to make the church holy by cleansing it, washing it using water along with spoken words.<sup>27</sup> Then he could present it to himself as a glorious church, without any kind of stain or wrinkle—holy and without faults.<sup>28</sup> So husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies. A man who loves his wife loves himself.<sup>29</sup> No one ever hated his own body. Instead, he feeds and takes care of it, as Christ takes care of the church.

6) What did Christ do for the church?

7) How is the husband to do the same for his wife?

8) How is the husband's purpose related to the 2nd greatest commandment?

**Ephesians 5:30-33 (GW)** <sup>30</sup> We are parts of his body. <sup>31</sup> That's why a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will be one. <sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery. (I'm talking about Christ's relationship to the church.) <sup>33</sup> But every husband must love his wife as he loves himself, and wives should respect their husbands.

9) What does being part of the body of Christ have to do with marriage?

10) What is the difference between husbands and wives that Paul points out (verse 33)

11) How does love and respect summarize God's purposes for husbands and wives?

**Ephesians 6:1-3 (GW)** <sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents because you are Christians. This is the right thing to do.

<sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother <sup>3</sup> that everything may go well for you, and you may have a long life on earth." This is an important commandment with a promise.

12) What is God's specific purpose for children? Why?

13) At what point can you stop having this as a specific purpose for your life?

14) Can you find God's purpose for you life in the other 9 commandments? Why or why not?

**Ephesians 6:4 (GW)** <sup>4</sup> Fathers, don't make your children bitter about life. Instead, bring them up in Christian discipline and instruction.

15) Do you think this only for fathers? Why or why not?

16) How are parents to raise their children according to this verse? Why?

**Ephesians 6:5-8 (GW)** <sup>5</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters with proper respect. Be as sincere as you are when you obey Christ. <sup>6</sup> Don't obey them only while you're being watched, as if you merely wanted to please people. But obey like slaves who belong to Christ, who have a deep desire to do what God wants them to do. <sup>7</sup> Serve eagerly as if you were serving your heavenly master and not merely serving human masters. <sup>8</sup> You know that your heavenly master will reward all of us for whatever good we do, whether we're slaves or free people.