



"Not Worthy of Me"

*Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' He who loves father or mother more than Me is **not worthy of Me**. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is **not worthy of Me**. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is **not worthy of Me**.*

MATTHEW 10:34-38



WHAT IS JESUS TALKING ABOUT?

Priority, Authority, & Choices

- **Christ Brings Division**
 - *The World Will Hate Us & Betray Us*
JOHN 15:18, 19; 3:19, 20
 - *Even Family!*
LUKE 21:12-17



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- **Christ Must Come Before Family**

- *We Must Love Them, But...*

EPH. 5:25; TITUS 2:4; LUKE 14:26

- *Choosing Family = Enmity With God*

JAS. 4:4; ROM. 8:7



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- **Christ Must Come Before Self**

- *We Must Deny Self*

TITUS 2:11, 12

- *We Must Crucify Self*

ROM. 5:20; 6:6, 11; GAL. 5:24



WHAT IS JESUS TALKING ABOUT?

Relationships & Priorities

- **All Mankind**

1st Cor. 11:3

- *The Application*

1ST COR. 14:40

- *The Exceptions: NONE*

MATT. 28:18; COL. 1:18;

ACTS 5:29

JESUS COMES FIRST!



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- **The Marriage Relationship**

Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:24;

Titus 2:5;

1st Cor. 7:33, 34

- *The Application*

CF. GEN. 2:24

- *The Exceptions*

DEUT. 13:6-10

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Relationships & Priorities

- **The Parent-Child Relationship** **Eph. 6:1-3**

- *The Application*

DEUT. 21:18-21; EXOD. 20:12;

MARK 7:1-13

- *The Exceptions*



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"This word [**children**] usually signifies those who are young; but it is used here, evidently, to denote those who were under the care and government of their parents, or those who were not of age." (Albert, Barnes, *Barnes' Notes* on Eph. 6:1)



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"**Children** (*tekna*) are those who are under the care, protection, guardianship, and governance of their **parents** (*goneusin*). All children in those circumstances are to obey their parents because it is right to do so. Obviously, we are still the children of our parents from the standpoint of natural relationship even after we leave home. Therefore, Paul utilized another word, **honor** (*tima*), in the next verse which carries with it in many Scriptures additional responsibilities that remain with the "children" until the passing of their parents in death. The principal concern of v. 1, however, is the stability of the home based on orderly leadership while parents and children live together as a union of persons...It is apparent from the nature of the appeal he makes, that Paul had in mind children who are of such age that they can respond because it is right before God to obey and honor." (C. G. "Colly" Caldwell, *Truth Commentaries: Ephesians*, commentary on **Ephesians 6:1-2**, pp. 285-286.)



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EXAMPLES

- **The Church**

- *The Application*
- *The Exceptions*

**Heb. 13:17; 1st Pet. 5:1-4;
Eph. 5:24**

- **Government**

- *The Application*
- *The Exceptions*

**Rom. 13:1-7;
1st Pet. 2:13-17**

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THE BIBLICAL TEACHING ON AUTHORITY AND SUBMISSION

1st Cor. 11:3

Eph. 6:1-3

Gen. 2:24;
Eph. 5:22-33

Heb. 13:17;
1st Pet. 5:1-4

Rom. 13:1-7;
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God	“In the Lord”	God & Christ	(God)	God
Christ			Christ	(Christ)
Man	Father (Parents)	Husband	Elders	Government
Woman	Mother	Wife	Members	Citizens
	Children			

All men

Parent-Child

Marriage

The church

Government

