



## Some Want to Re-Define the Family

• "So what is a family in 2007? ... A family is (and always has been) an ongoing creation... With or without children, with one parent or two, gay or straight, we all cobble together families as best we can, because, in the end, there is something exceedingly human in our desire, our need, to be a part of a loving and supportive group that will be there for us."

- from http://www.constantchatter.com

 "The definition of family will continue to evolve with our society..."

- from http://www.nontraditionalfamilylaw.com/nontraditional\_family\_law\_basics/

#### Matthew 19:4-6

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## Genesis 2:18,21-24

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him...And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."



# Ephesians 5:33-6:4

"Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

### Proverbs 19:14

"House and riches are the inheritance of fathers: and a prudent wife is from the Lord."

# 1 Timothy 5:4

"But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God."



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# Ephesians 5:23

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body."



### Proverbs 15:17

"Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith."

## Ephesians 5:25

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;"

#### Colossians 3:19

"Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them."

## Titus 2:3,4

"The aged women likewise...that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children..."

### Proverbs 13:24

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

#### Matthew 15:4

"For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death."



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### Malachi 2:16

"For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away..."

### Romans 7:2,3

"For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."



## I Peter 3:1,2

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear."

#### Joshua 24:15

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

### Titus 1:6

"If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly."

## Deuteronomy 6:5-9

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

#### Psalm 78:2-9

"I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

#### Psalm 78:2-9

"That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:"

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