

APPLYING THE CODE PART 1

—CHRISTUS VICTOR WEEK 24—

Colossians 3:18-19 (NIV)

I. CHRISTIAN _____ AND _____: _____ AND _____

Colossians 3:18-19

¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands,

as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives

and do not be harsh with them.

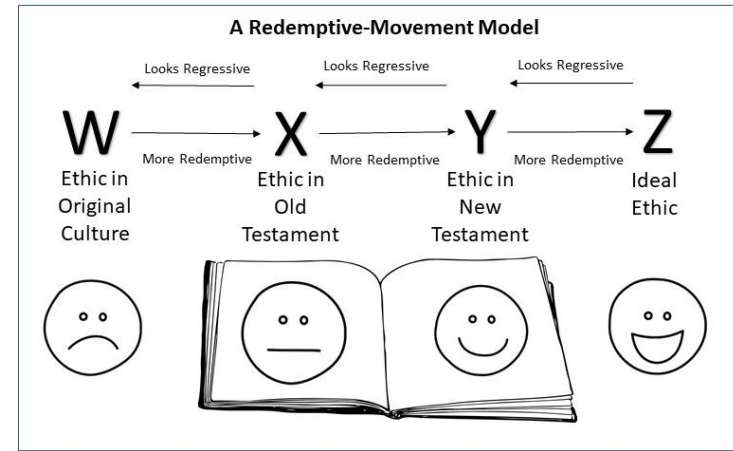
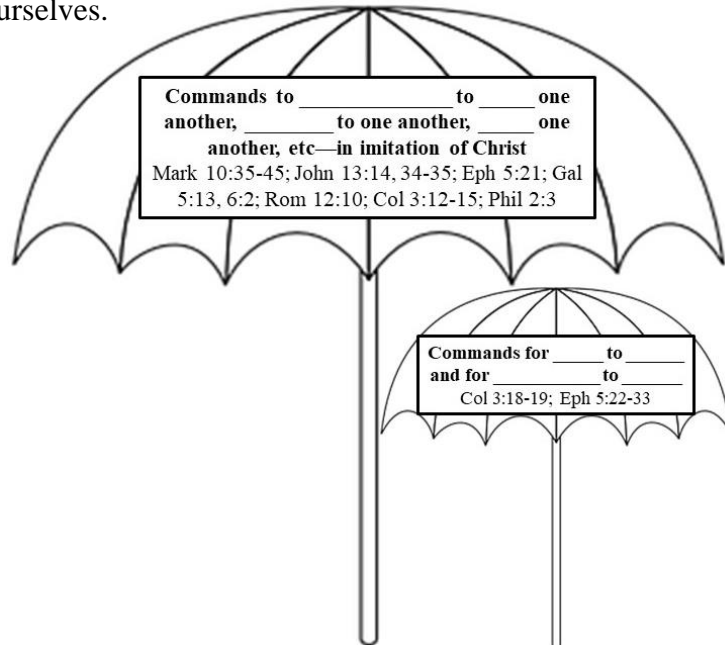
II. _____ CHRISTIANS: _____ AND _____

Ephesians 5:21

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ...

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.



(Adapted from: William Webb, *Slaves, Women, and Homosexuals*)

THE BOTTOM LINE

- God commands Christian _____ to voluntarily submit themselves to their _____ and Christian _____ to sacrificially love their _____. (**Very Confident**)
- But God also commands _____ to voluntarily submit themselves to each other and to sacrificially love each other. (**Confident**)
- This suggests that, given the room in our culture for _____ between _____, we should see a _____ in these marriage commands: wives are thus also commanded to _____ their husbands, and husbands are thus also commanded to _____ their wives. This is perhaps closer to an “ideal ethic Z” on marriage that is in keeping with the “spirit” of Paul’s words, if not with the “letter” of what he actually writes. (**Somewhat Confident**)
- Something like this “_____” of ancient submission and patriarchy should be implemented even if one holds to permanent leadership role for husbands in marriage (view 2); we should not expect a _____ to _____ exactly like back in the first-century culture (**Very Confident**)

THE BOTTOM BOTTOM LINE

If in doubt, focus on the _____ commands; the _____ commands will take care of themselves.