

The background of the slide is a photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, there are dark, silhouetted evergreen trees. The middle ground shows a valley floor covered in a dense forest of smaller trees. In the background, there are large, rugged mountains with steep, light-colored cliffs. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

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SMALL COMMUNITY

(Colossians 3:18 – 4:1)

It is difficult to see how Christianity
can have any positive effect
on society if it cannot transform
its own homes.

(John MacArthur)

Under AUTHORITY

Wife > Submission... as is fitting in the Lord

Child > Obedience... as pleases the Lord

Slave > Diligence... with reverence for the Lord

Exercising AUTHORITY

Husband > Love

Parent > Encouragement

Master > Equity

The CHRISTIAN ethic = mutual obligation and responsibility rather than rights, privileges, or entitlements.

Submit to one another out of
reverence for Christ

(Eph. 5:21)

GOD'S STANDARD

MARRIAGE – love **governs** partnership

PARENTING – leadership **balances**
discipline with encouragement

WORKER – love for God **motivates**
performance and attitude

BOSS – awareness of God **inspires** f
fairness to employee

In a Christian marriage there is a distinction of **role**, but no distinction of **worth**.

In a Christian family emphasis is on value of **persons**, rather than value of **performance**.

- Cultivation of freedom = key to personhood
- Commitment to responsibility = key to relationship

BECAUSE WE CARE...

We notice and listen

We communicate expectation and
affirmation

We risk differences and conflict

We promise love and support

We submit to each other in reverence
for Christ

A scenic view of a mountain valley with steep cliffs and a forested valley floor. The text is overlaid on the image.

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