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Ethos *Definition*

The distinguishing character, moral nature, guiding beliefs, or ideals of a person, group, or institution.

Ephesians 5:15

So be careful how you live.

**Don't live like fools,
but like those who are wise.**

Ephesians 5:16

**Make the most of every
opportunity in these evil days.**

Ephesians 5:17

**Don't act thoughtlessly,
but understand what the Lord
wants you to do.**

Ephesians 5:18

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,

Ephesians 5:19

**singing psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs among yourselves,
and making music to the Lord
in your hearts.**

Ephesians 5:20

**And give thanks for everything
to God the Father in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**For wives, this means submit
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Ephesians 5:23

For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.

Ephesians 5:24

**As the church submits to Christ,
so you wives should submit to
your husbands in everything.**

Ephesians 5:25

**For husbands, this means love
your wives, just as Christ loved
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Ephesians 5:26

He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

Ephesians 5:27

He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Ephesians 5:28

In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself.

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No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church.

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And we are members of his body.

Ephesians 5:31

As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.”

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This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.

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So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 6:1

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Ephesians 6:2

“Honor your father and mother.”

**This is the first commandment
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If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”

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Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

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Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ.

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**Try to please them all the time,
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will of God with all your heart.**

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**Work with enthusiasm, as though
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Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.

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Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites.

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Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

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And he has given us this command:
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