Submitting To One Another In The Fear Of God
Eph. 5:21

Introduction:
A. We live in a world of “over” and “under” relationships.
   1. Christ is “over” church, church is “under” Christ. (5:23).
   2. Elders are “over” congregation, congregations are “under” elders. (1 Thess. 5:12,13)
B. We are to fulfill our position, whether “over” or “under” in the fear of God.

Discussion:
I. The Wife And The Husband. (5:22-33)
   A. The wife is under the husband.
      1. She is to submit to husband. (5:22-23; cf. 1 Pet. 3:1-6).
      2. She is to love her husband. (cf. Tit. 2:4,5).
   B. The husband is over the wife.
      1. He is to love his wife. (5:25-33).
      2. He is to honor his wife. (cf. 1 Pet. 3:7)

   A. The Children are under the parents.
      1. They are to obey their parents. (6:1; cf. Col. 3:20).
      2. They are honor their parents. (6:2-3)
         a. Show them due respect.
         b. Support them if needed. (cf. Matt. 15:4-6; 1 Tim. 5:4)
   B. The parents are over the children.
      1. Parents are to give them proper training (discipline NASV). (cf. Heb. 12:5-11)
         b. May include other correction or reproof. (Prov. 29:15).
      2. Parents are to give them proper admonition (instruction NASV).
         a. Teach them the Lord’s moral values.
         b. Teach them the Lord’s spiritual values.
         c. Teach sons to work for living. (cf. 2 Thess. 3:10)
         d. Teach daughters to be good homemakers. (Tit. 2:5)
      3. Fathers have primary responsibility, aided and supported by mother.
      4. Parents are not to be abusive. (“of the Lord”; cf. Col. 3:21).

III. The Servants And The Masters. (6:5-9)
   A. The servants are under the masters (whether by bond or by hire).
      2. Serve with good will. (6:7).
   B. The masters are over the servants.
      1. Without being abusive. (6:9).
      2. With just and fair pay. (Col. 4:1).

IV. The Shepherds And The Flock. (1 Pet. 5:1-4).
   A. The Flock is under the Shepherd.
      1. The younger is to submit to elders. (1 Pet. 5:5)
      2. Church ruled are led by elders. (1 Tim. 3:5; 5:17).
   B. The Shepherds are over the flock.
      1. Without being lords. (1 Pet. 5:3).
      2. With tender care of shepherd—“take care of” (1 Tim. 3:5).

Conclusion:
A. Those in “under” positions to remember not just submitting to man but to God.
B. Those in “over” positions remember they have One over them—the Lord.