

New Life

The American Farmer

There are 2.2 million farms
covering an area of 922 million
acres that is over 40% of the total
acreage in the US

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- 89 million acres of soybeans
 - 88 million acres of corn
 - 62 million acres of wheat
 - 61 million acres of hay crop

Growing crops is a big challenge

- Mountain ground or river bottom
- Wet or well drained
- Steep or flat
- Rocks or rock free

There needs to be certain levels of
nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium,
and a pH of 5.5-7

For every one farm there are
58 households

2.2 million Farms and
127.59 million Households
in the US

While the US grows a major amount
of crops it appears that its number
one crop is the family

Crop production is advancing

Families are struggling

Can we get the right nutrients in
the family to grow the family?

Colossians 3:18-25

Vs 12-17

Compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness, patience, forgiveness, love,
peace, and the Word of Christ

“Rules for the Christian Household”

Family Maxims

Vs 18

Wives, submit to your husbands, as
is fitting in the Lord.

Submit:

Greek military term meaning "to arrange troop divisions in a military fashion under the command of a leader"

In non-military use - a voluntary attitude of cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden

Submit:

to arrange in effective order, to
assistant, to cooperate, to assume
responsibility

Vs 18

Wives, submit to your husbands, as
is fitting in the Lord.

Are you walking your family toward
the world?

Are you walking your family toward
your self-centered actions?

Are you walking toward sin?

Are you walking toward your career?

Are you walking toward a
passion for God and His call in
your family's life?

FM1

We will each know our position
and play it well

Vs 19

Husbands, love your wives and do
not be harsh with them.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient and kind

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud...It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs...Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres...Love never fails

Marriage does not come easy, but when
it is happening in an environment
saturated with love it will thrive

“Do not be harsh with them”

Husband you may have the ability to
strong arm someone to surrender but
you will never strong arm someone to
their greatest level

Love builds up

Wife, please receive and
reciprocate the love

If there is not a receiving and
reciprocating of love it becomes very
hard to continue to love

FM2

We will love first and
continually

Vs 20

Children, obey your parents in
everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Obey
to listen intently and follow the
instruction

A child that does not learn to obey
their parents will struggle to obey
any authority including God

Parents are you raising your kids or
just helping them get taller

You are more than a bank

You are more than a cook

You are more than taxi cab driver

You are not a slave to your kids

You do not take orders from your kids

You are not the drive through at
McDonalds

You are a parent!

Parent:

- One that begets or brings forth offspring
- A person who brings up and cares for another

FM3

Parents parent and kids follow

Vs 21

Fathers, (parents) do not embitter
your children, or they will become
discouraged.

Embitter - Provoke - Aggravate:
poison, make cynical

Discouraged:
lack of courage

There needs to be an environment
where the children feel and are valued

That the parents have their back

Their parents will listen and really hear
them

It is important that the children, I believe in the home or grown and away from the home, know that their parents have time for them

The parent that

- fails to see the value of their child
- has little to no time for the child
- is there one day and not there the next

Will embitter, poison, and make cynical
their child and rob them of the courage
that is needed to navigate life

Children help your parents parent
successfully

Children talk to your parents

Be honest, patient, and pray for

Children your parents have something
for you that is powerful

FM4

We will have open and honest
communication

Vs 22

Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

Vs 23-25

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.

4:1

Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

FM5

We will honor God in our work
and play

FM1

We will each know our position and play it well

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We will love first and continually

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