How Does Capulet change as a father in the scenes we have read?

Act 1 Scene 2:

**CAPULET** But saying o’er what I have said before:

My child is yet a stranger in the world,

She hath not seen the change of fourteen years;

Let two more summers wither in their pride,

Ere we may think her ripe to be a bride.

**PARIS** Younger than she are happy mothers made.

**CAPULET** And too soon marr’d are those so early made.

Earth hath swallowed all my hopes but she;

She’s the hopeful lady of my earth.

But woo her, gentle Paris, get her heart,

My will to her consent is but a part;

And she agreed, within her scope of choice

Lies my consent and fair according voice.

Act 3 Scene 5

**CAPULET** Hang thee, young baggage! Disobedient wretch!

I tell thee what: get thee to church o' Thursday,

Or never after look me in the face.

Speak not. Reply not. Do not answer me.

My fingers itch.—Wife, we scarce thought us blest

That God had lent us but this only child,

But now I see this one is one too much

And that we have a curse in having her.

Out on her, hilding!

1. Choose two quotes from the first extract and discuss what they mean/show us about Capulet’s attitude towards Juliet getting married. Remember to comment on the effect of particular words where possible.
2. Why does his attitude change halfway through the play? What has happened to the family?
3. Choose 3 quotes from the second extract and discuss what they mean and how they show the change in Capulet’s attitude. Again, comment on the effect of particular words.
4. What do you know about how women were treated in Shakespeare’s time? Would Juliet expect to have a say in who she got married to and when?