

CHRIST RULES THE HOME

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Colossians 3:18-4:1

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[18] Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. [19] Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. [20] Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. [21] Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. [22] Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. [23] Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, [24] knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. [25] For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

[1] Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

We derive our morality from the Word of God.

Isaiah 40:8—*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

MAIN POINT: If Jesus is Lord of all, his lordship must reach every aspect of our personal lives.

MARRIAGE (18-19)

Men and women relate to one another in the home not in an egalitarian way, but in a complementarian way.

Wives are called to submit to their husbands.

“Obedience” naturally fits a situation in which orders are being issued and in which the party obeying has little choice in the matter. Submission, on the other hand, suggests a voluntary willingness to recognize and put oneself under the leadership of another. —**Douglas Moo**, *Colossians Commentary*

What does biblical submission look like for a wife?

1. Wives are to look to their husbands for spiritual leadership.
2. Wives are to honor and respect their husbands.
3. Wives are to support their husbands.
4. Wives are to pray for their husband.

Husbands are called to love their wives.

Ephesians 5:25—*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...*

What does biblical love look like for a Husband?

1. Husbands are to put their wives' needs before theirs.
2. Husbands are to lead their wives spiritually.
3. Husbands are to romance their wives.
4. Husbands are to treat their wives with gentleness and patience.

PARENTING (20-21)

Children learn to obey God by obeying parents.

Ephesians 6:1—*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

Children's spirituality is most clearly demonstrated in their willingness to obey their parents.

Parents, the goal is not control, the goal is faith.

Authority and wisdom are both indispensable for godly parenting.

Your parenting must reflect the authority of God, but your parenting must also reflect the grace of God.

WORK (3:22-4:1)

Bondservants are to obey their masters.

How?

- With honesty and hard work.

“We also engage to...walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in all our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment...” —**CBC Church Covenant**

Why?

- Because work is worship!
- Because there is a heavenly reward to our earthly labors.
- Because God will deal with the dishonest.

Masters need to be just and fair, why? Because the master of heaven is master over them.

What aspects of your life must you surrender to the lordship of Christ?