

**Submission is a Gift
Colossians 3:18-4:18**

Colossians 3: 18-25 Instructions for Christian Households

“Marriage is easy. It’s living together afterward that’s tough.”

Many people try to find a mate but the emphasis in Scripture is not on ***finding*** the right mate it’s on ***being*** the right mate.

The first institution God established on earth was the home
Before God established the church, He established the home

- Genesis 2:18-25
- Matthew 19:1-6

Faith does not only change individuals, it changes homes

Children do not create problems, they reveal them

- *submit yourselves ... as is fitting in the Lord.*
- *do not be harsh*
- *obey ... for this pleases the Lord.*
- *do not exasperate ... or they will become discouraged.*
- *obey ...in everything; and do it with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.*
- *It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

God has placed everything in submission TO CHRIST:

- Angels are in submission (Heb 2:5; 1Pet 3:22)
- The church is in submission to the Lord (Eph 5:24)
- Christians submit to God (1Cor 16:16) (Eph 5:21; Ro 13:8)
- Wife submits to her husband
- Children submit to the parents (1Timothy 3:4)
- The young submit to the old
- Workers submit to their bosses (Ep 6:5, Titus 2:9; 1Pet 2:18)

Our foremost responsibility in relationships is to obey authority

The foremost responsibility of authority is to submit to God

Prayer must be faithful - It must be constant - It must be watchful

Meaning it should NOT be routine, vague, or general

Prayer should be asking God what HE wants

Speech is a gift from God and it must be used as God ordains

Prayer and worship are the highest use of the gift of speech

If there is no fire on the altar, the incense will not rise to God – Psalm 141:2