

COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is our all in all! He is all we need.

Chapter 3 – The *Preeminence* of Jesus Christ is DISPLAYED. Colossians 3:18-25

Displayed in your family relationships...

- Verse 18 WIVES, submit yourselves unto your own husbands,
...AS it is FIT in the Lord.

Submit To yield, resign or surrender to the power, will or authority of another.
Fit Suitable; convenient; becoming.

Ephesians 5:22 *“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, AS unto the Lord.”*

NOTE The Lord is working **through him** to benefit the entire family. She should help him, make his needs a priority, and utilize a “war-room” approach to prayer.

- Verse 19 HUSBANDS, love your wives,
...and be not BITTER against them.

Bitter Sharp words; cruel; severe; hurtful; distressed.

Ephesians 5:25 *“Husbands, love your wives, even AS Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”*

NOTE Husbands must take responsibility to build up their wives. He should put her needs before his own, and he should use a “war-room” approach to prayer.

- Verse 20 CHILDREN, obey your parents in ALL THINGS:
...for this is WELL PLEASING unto the Lord.

Obey To comply with the commands, orders or instructions; to do that is required.
Pleasing Giving pleasure or satisfaction; agreeable to the senses or to the mind.

Ephesians 6:1-3 *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right.”*

NOTE A generation will not be raised up to lead a biblical family and be light in the workplace unless they FIRST learn to fear God and obey their parents at home.

- Verse 21 FATHERS, provoke not your children to ANGER,
...lest they be DISCOURAGED.

Provoke To make angry; to incense; to enrage.
Discouraged Disheartened; deprived of courage or confidence.

Ephesians 6:4 *“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”*

NOTE Fathers must be careful not to swing the pendulum too far to the right or left. Proper discipline is an act of love – be careful. The Holy Spirit must control you.

Displayed in your working relationships...

- Verse 22 **SERVANTS,**
 obey in ALL THINGS your masters according to the flesh;
 NOT with EYESERVICE, as men pleasers;
 but in SINGLENESS of heart, fearing God:

Eye-service Service performed only under inspection or the eye of a supervisor.
 Singleness Simplicity; sincerity; purity of mind or purpose.

Ephesians 6:5-7 *“Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:”*

NOTE A proper fear of God will benefit you in so many ways! (read the Bible)
 Employees should consider themselves as working for the Lord Jesus Christ Himself – no matter if the “boss” does you right or wrong.

- Verse 23 And WHATSOEVER ye do, do it HEARTILY,
 AS to the Lord, and not unto men;

Heartily From the heart; with all the heart; with sincerity; with zeal; actively, vigorously.

1 Peter 2:13, 15 *“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; ...For so is **the will of God**, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:”*

NOTE Believers ought to be the BEST workers in every setting. Whatsoever ye do!

- Verse 24 KNOWING that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye SERVE the Lord Christ.

Reward Recompense, or equivalent return for good done, for kindness, or for services.

Ephesians 6:8 *“Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.”*

NOTE Even if we do not get our “fair” reward in this life, God is the best accountant!
 We must remember – GREAT IS OUR REWARD IN HEAVEN! We have Christ!

- Verse 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done:
 And there is no RESPECT of persons.

Respect To be influenced/biased by a regard to the outward circumstances of a person.

Philemon 1:18 *“If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put than on mine account;”*

NOTE It is not our place to avenge ill-will done to us. We learned in Philemon that the key to reconciliation is to put wrong doings and things owed on Jesus’ account.