

No more Chains Pt 2

Colossians 3:18-24

- Before I finish the chapter I want to go back to cover what Paul said that is leading up to his statements on the how a Godly family is to conduct themselves. **V10-11** says the believer has “**put on the new man**” and taken off “**the old man**” and by doing so we’ve not only discarded the way **he acts**, and **talks**, but also the way **he thinks** as well. So in the **new creation** it not only affects **my actions**, no more **V5** (fornication, uncleanness, evil desire, covetousness) and **my attitude -speech V8-9** (malice, blasphemy, cursing, lying) but also my perspective, for in the new creation God removes that which separates people, natural barriers like race, nationality, class, culture or ethnicity, for in the new family it only favors Jesus, for Christ is all and in all.

V18-24

- **V18-20** since the old man is dead with all his fleshly attitudes and character, and the new man is alive with his biblical perspective and behavior, Paul makes **3** points that are necessary for a Godly home > **1st** Wives submit to your own husbands, **2nd** Husbands love your wives, **3rd** Children obey your parents in all things, this seems simple enough right, wrong! Without God, His Word, and His Spirit these three things are impossible for us to carry out, which is why today we have so many problems in the home, or stem from the home, even after we leave the home.
- Paul said the same thing in **Eph 5** when outlining the roles of a husband and wife in marriage, so he is consistent with what God expects in the confines of a Godly home. So the problem is not the inconsistency of the Word, the problem is us being consistently surrendered to the new man who renews us daily, and not reverting back to the old man which is supposed to be dead to us. Submission is a dirty word in our culture, when a women says she is submitting to her husband it denotes weakness, and immediately people begin looking at her as if she’s either been brainwashed or manipulated, instead of what the bible says which is (**she’s been set free**).
- Godly submission is an act of free will, you don’t have to do it, just like we don’t have to obey God or His Word, but because we call ourselves a “**doulos**” a willing servant or slave, we have determined that our choice is no longer ours but God’s, and we believe His Word is better than our way of thinking and since He has chosen us to obey Him then that’s exactly what we’ll do. Earlier in the chapter we can see that God is instructing us on how to change for the better as individuals, but also we are going to see that God desires to change the home structure as well.
- **V20** it says this is “**fitting**” or appropriate, this is the right way for a wife to conduct herself in the home, I believe that most if not all of us would agree that there is something radically wrong with homes today. In fact statistically speaking there are more broken homes today than ever before, **2** out of every **3** homes the father is missing, and he hasn’t been kidnapped either, over half of all mother see their children less than **6** hrs a day, and many of these are small children, so who’s watching them? The average child **6-16** watches between **28-36** hrs of T.V. weekly.

- We only have about **14 hrs** of day light and over a third is spent watching **T.V.** or on the smart phone, this is what's raising our children today, social media. The first institution God founded on earth was the home **Gen 2:18-25, Math 19**, so as goes the home so goes society, and folks the home is in trouble, which is why these verse are so important to understand and not misunderstand, or deem them unimportant, because more than **global warming, racial tension, Covid 19, or economic shortages**, the problems in the home are really what is ailing society.
- He begins with the relationship between husband-wife, asking the wife to recognize her husband as the head of the home, for this is appropriate to the Lord. That's because in Eph 5 the role of the husband being the head was compared to Christ being the head of the church, and as the church submits to Christ so should the wife submit to her own husband. Notice not someone else's husband or another man like your father, but your husband once you are married. Next he asks husbands to love their wives, this again seems like a simple request but without the new man it is nearly impossible, as notice what he says at the end of **V19**.
- "Do not be bitter toward **them**" this means we love our wives not based upon her performance but based upon God's Word, that its appropriate, as it is the same for the wife she doesn't submit because he's deserving she submits because its right in the sight of God. **V20** Children obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord, the only exception is if parents are asking you to do things that are displeasing to the Lord, like breaking the law, or blaspheming the Lord, then our obedience to God supersedes your obedience to man > **Eph 6:1**.
- **V21** Parents one caveat do not take advantage of your authority and then provoke your children to rebel against you and ultimately society, this sadly happens all too often. Kids who are mad at their parents then go out into society rebelling against all authority and unfortunately get themselves into trouble that affects them for the rest of their lives, and it started in the home and has carried itself into the next generation negatively impacting their kids and their kids.
- **V22-25 Eph 6:5-9** addresses both **employees-employers** as well, but the gist of this is remember that whatever position you are in your ultimate boss is God and He is the One you should be desiring to impress, for He is the One Who is going to reward you here on earth and in glory. Notice this has nothing to do if you feel underappreciated or not, but everything to do with our obedience to God and His Word, and that reflects back to us being under the new management of the Holy Spirit and "**the new man**", who has displaced our former manager "**the old man**".