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Col. 3:18-4:6

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“God’s desire is that I respond, not react.”

**Be responsible**

**Colossians 3:18-4:1**

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Children respond to parents

3:20

Parents [esp. fathers] respond to children

3:21

Employees respond to employers

3:22

Employers respond to employees

4:1

Big idea: Christians respond to the Lord

3:23-24

**Be prayerful**

**4:2-4**

In thanksgiving

In intercession

Especially for the gospel to go forth

**Be wise**

**4:5-6**

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Exagorazo = to buy something back; to set free (in this case, time)

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## letter to the Colossians

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GOD'S DESIRE

RESPOND

**NOT**

REACT

React  
Panic.  
Proceed.

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Pause.  
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**3:18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and don't be bitter toward them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they won't become discouraged. <sup>22</sup> Slaves, obey your human masters in everything.**

**Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord.**

**<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, <sup>24</sup> knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup> For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong he has done, and there is no favoritism.**

**<sup>4:1</sup> Masters, deal with your slaves justly and fairly, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven.**

THAT'S THE  
WRONG  
ANSWER



**wife role =  
navigator-partner**

**husband role =  
servant-leader**

**Responses are different than roles. A role is one's job. A response is how one responds to other people and the way they do their jobs.**



**my role**



**what I  
respond to**

The Romans combined *re* – a prefix that meant “go back to” –with *spondere* – which meant “to pledge.” Thus the Latin term meant to go back to one’s pledge. That’s how you respond – you go back to your pledge. You don’t just react to situations but instead respond according to your covenants...based on a code of right that is beyond you. By Paul’s time *respondere* had developed into *responsabilis* – responsibility. – WB

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**Colossians 3 CSB**

**Greek: ὑποτάσσω hypotasso**

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**Hypotasso always involves three things: Reverence – Christian submission is never grudging. It is Christ-empowered, fueled by our life covenant with our Savior. It is not a grumpy acquiescence to nor rebellion against circumstance or cultural convention.**





**Hypotasso always involves three things:**

**Reverence.**

**Self-offering – This is Christ-empowered and Christ-like. Jesus wasn't forced by anyone to submit for the good of others and the Triune God's plan. He willingly gave Himself. He leads His people to willingly give themselves as well.**

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**Reverence.**

**Self-offering.**

**Humility – It repudiates egotism and aloofness.**

**“It is to position oneself as a servant toward one’s neighbor in the hierarchy of love.”**

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**Anti-hypotasso**



**ASSERT  
YOUR  
RIGHTS**



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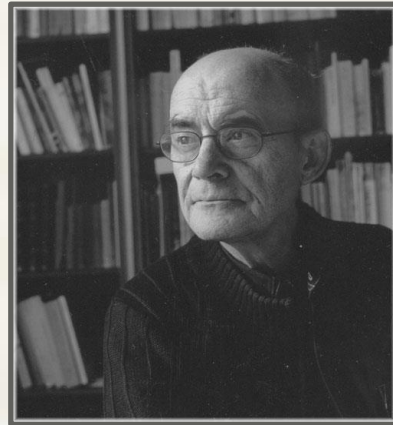
**Ego – which has no part in hypotasso – is the very driver of our souls today. We are all about what we call “rights,” often a code word for self-centeredness.**



**Hypotasso:  
Reverence.  
Humility.  
Self-offering – Christ-empowered and Christ-like, willingly giving up self**

**“All of this is absolutely new  
and has no secular parallel.”**

**– Ceslas Spicq**



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**– A.T. Robertson, *Words Pictures in the New Testament***

**<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word.  
<sup>27</sup> He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless.**

**Ephesians 5 CSB**

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**Colossians 3 CSB**

**Wayne,**

**The command in Ephesians to love your wife as Christ loved the church and care for her as you care for your own body has transformed me. I pray this almost daily for myself and you and the other men that I know well. It has transformed my actions toward my wife, and I am so grateful to God for prompting this prayer in my life and continuing to answer it.**

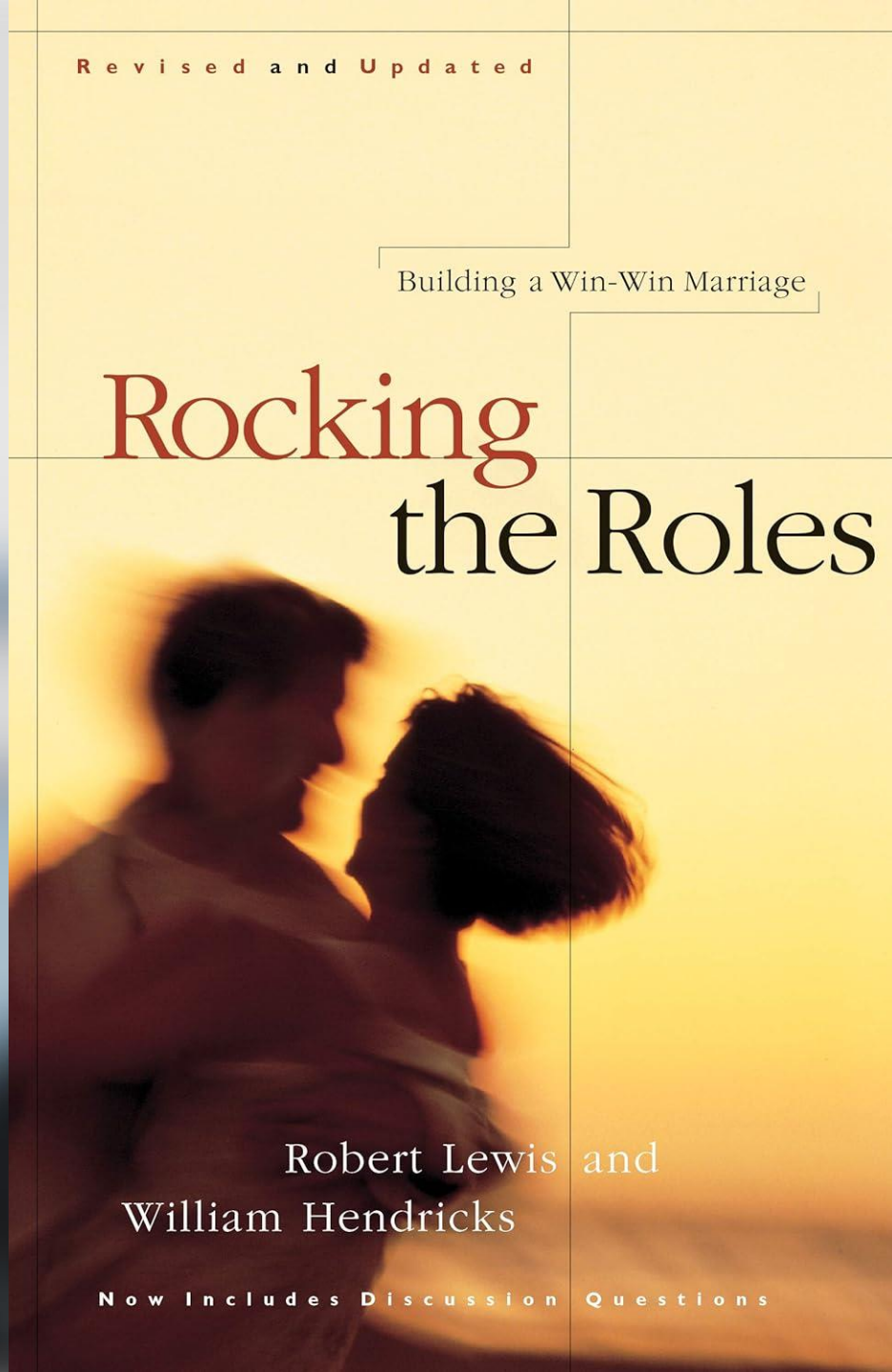
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**Colossians 3 CSB**





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## **Children Respond to Parents**

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courtesy Andy Falconer



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**Colossians 3 CSB**

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**Mario Zandstra**

courtesy Michael Perry



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**Yeah, Dad. You are not my coach. The coach is my coach.**





**On the way home, Daniel, unsolicited, said, “Dad, thanks for taking time to come to the ballpark and talk with me about becoming a better catcher.” He went on to tell me the lessons he absorbed: to be in position early, move up in the box, and to give the pitcher an early, big target. – Mario Zandstra**

**<sup>22</sup> 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.**

**Colossians 3 ESV**

**Pastor Wayne, you don't know  
*my* boss. He would leave you  
unemployed in Greenland.**





courtesy United Artists; note: Our Elders are actually wonderful men whom it's a pleasure to serve.

**<sup>1</sup> Masters, grant to your  
slaves justice and fairness,  
knowing that you too  
have a Master in heaven.**

**Colossians 4 NASB**



courtesy University of Melbourne

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**Colossians 4 CSB**



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**Colossians 3 CSB**



***The Milkmaid***  
**Johannes Vermeer**  
**ca. 1657**



courtesy rydercup

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**Colossians 3 CSB**

**<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains, <sup>4</sup> so that I may make it known as I should.**

**Colossians 4 CSB**

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Winter



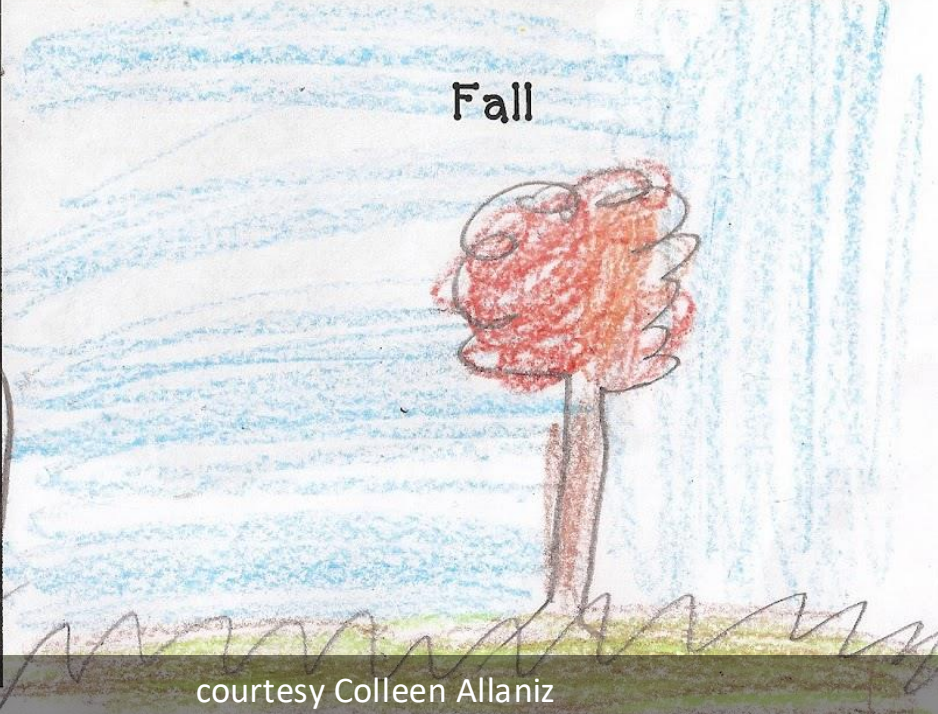
Spring



Summer

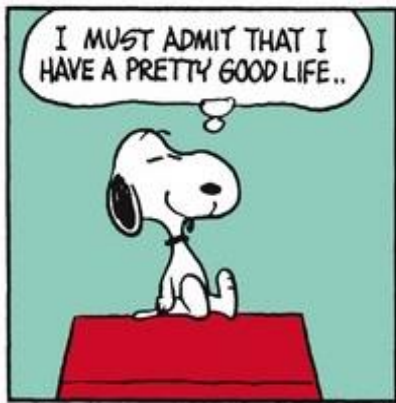
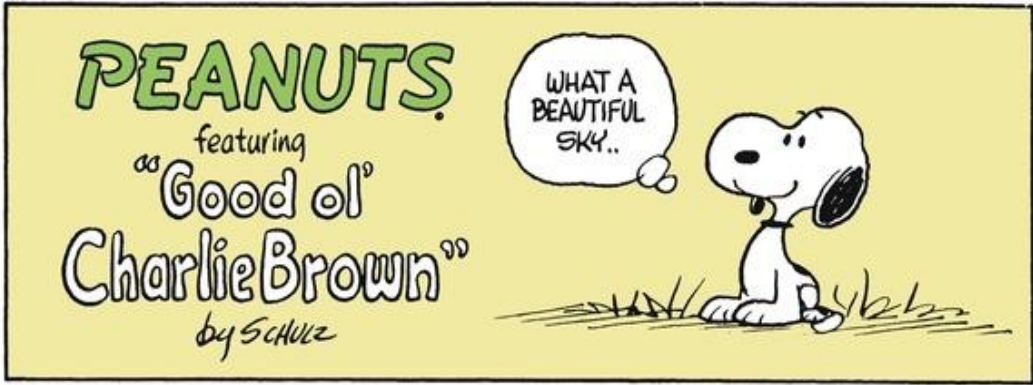


Fall



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**Even in our most  
difficult situations God  
is still to be praised  
because He has given us  
the ultimate blessing,  
Himself. – Shawn Welch**

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**Colossians 4 CSB**

**link to receive  
regular prayer  
requests & praises  
from the body of FBC**



**Peter is an acquaintance of mine, brother to a member of our church pulpit team. Peter has been battling cancer for some time, and lately things look very bad. In response, Peter recently reminded us of his ongoing prayer...**

**Heavenly Father, We come before You in humility and faith, acknowledging You as *Elohim*, the Creator of heaven and earth, the One who spoke all things into being. You are sovereign over all creation, and nothing is beyond Your power or Your understanding.**

**We worship You as *Yahweh*, the great I AM, eternal and unchanging. You are faithful to Your promises, near to the brokenhearted, and present with us in every moment. You are not distant, but a God who sees, hears, and saves.**

**Lord, You are *Adonai*, our Master and King. We call upon You as *Jehovah Jireh*, our Provider. And Lord, we cry out to You as *Jehovah Rapha*, the God who heals. Your Word declares that by Your stripes we are healed, and that You are the One who restores and makes whole. We ask, in the name of Jesus, that You would stretch out Your healing hand over this cancer. Bring restoration to every affected cell, every system, every part of the body. Drive out disease, renew strength, and breathe life where there is weakness.**

**Let Your presence be a constant comfort and let Your healing power be made known in a way that brings glory to Your name.**

**We trust You, Lord—not only for healing, but for Your goodness in all things. Strengthen our faith as we echo the prayer: “I believe; help my unbelief.” In Jesus’ mighty name we pray. Amen. – Peter**

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**In the years our church has existed, we have been a direct part of over 20,000 people coming to faith in Jesus around the world. Our missionaries have led many thousands more than that to salvation.**





courtesy about

**A good gauge of commitment to spreading the gospel is the 10% rule. Take the average number of attenders in a church's weekend gatherings and divide by 10. Then take the number of on-site conversions at that church or its community activities. If the number of new believers is equal to or greater than the 10% attendance number, the church is a 10% church. Sadly, only 5% of American churches are 10 percenters.**

**– Thom Rainer, *Essential Church***



**<sup>5</sup> Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.**

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Greek: ἐξαγοράζω exagorazo = to buy something back;  
to set free



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courtesy Grumpy Cat en memoriam

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