

THE LORD AND LIFE OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

(Colossians 3:18–4:1)

WHAT IS TRUE, AND WHAT SHOULD CHRISTIANS DO?

The Christian Believers' confession that Jesus is Lord of all must be demonstrated in daily life, especially in the household setting. The new life in Christ makes this possible. Husbands, fathers, and masters—considered the heads of the household—must submit to Jesus as the Lord of all. Wives, children, and slaves—considered subordinate members—you must recognize you are serving the Lord Jesus.¹

1.) Commands given to wives and husbands (v. 18–9):

- Wives: **Submit** to your husbands as is fitting in the Lord
- Husbands: **Love** your wives and do not be **bitter** to them

2.) Commands given to children and fathers (v. 20–1)

- Children: **Obey** your parents in everything, for this pleases God
- Fathers: **Do not provoke** your children so they do not become discouraged

3.) Commands given to slaves and masters (v. 3:22 – 4:1)

- Slaves: **Obey** your human masters in everything out of reverence for the Lord
- Slaves: Whatever you do, **do it** from the heart for **the Lord** and not for people
- Masters: **Grant** your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven and injustices will not be ignored.

APPLICATION:

The Christ follower's mindset should be a constant awareness that you submit to and serve the Lord Jesus Christ in all things that you do!

And since Jesus Christ is the ultimate authority over your household, you are to do your best, be fair, and seek to please your heavenly Father to whom you are accountable.

¹ David W. Pao, Colossians and Philemon, Zondervan Commentary on the New Testament: (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012), 259.