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Paul's Faith from Prison







Unbounded: Paul's Faith from Prison

Christian Living Colossians 3:18-4:1 Chad Chambers

1. Jesus is First...In Whatever You Do (3:17)

- A. In word or deed
- B. In the name of Jesus
- C. Giving thanks to God

 $Disorder \rightarrow Discontent \rightarrow Disobedience$

2. Husband and Wives

- A. Submit and Love
 - a. Use our submission, authority to serve each other
 - b. Use our gifts, abilities to empower each other

3. Parents and Children

- A. Obey and Do Not Provoke
 - a. Freedom is found in obedience not the lack of rules
 - b. Do not be harsh, do not provoke

4. Bondservants and Masters

- A. Bondservants (and Masters)
 - a. Do your job
 - b. Do your job well
 - c. Do your job whole-hearted
- B. Masters (and Bondservants)
 - a. You are serving the Lord
 - b. Just and Fair

Discussion:

Part One:

- 1. Where in your life are you experiencing (or have you experienced) disorder...home, family, work, etc.?
- 2. How has disorder caused discontentment in that area of your life?
- 3. How has discontentment led to disobedience in that area of your life?
- 4. How has having proper order in specific areas of your life led to finding contentment and being obedient in that area of your life?

Part Two-Three-Four:

- 1. As a husband, in what ways have you loved your wife well and/or in what ways have you struggled to love your wife well?
- 2. How is a husband's love of his wife key to having the proper order in a marriage?
- 3. As a father, in what ways have you led your children graciously and/or in what ways have you provoked your children?
- 4. How is a father's treatment of a child key to having the proper order in a home?
- 5. As an employee/employer, how have you served God by doing your job...doing it well...and doing it whole-heartedly? When you've done this correctly, what has been in the impact on those you have worked with?

Colossians 3:18-4:1 Christian Living

17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:17

Disorder→Discontent→Disobedience

¹⁸ Wives, be submissive to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and don't be bitter toward them.

Colossians 3:18-19

 ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
 ²¹ Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so they won't become discouraged.

Colossians 3:20-21

²² Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, in order to please men, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong he has done, and there is no favoritism. **4 Masters, supply your slaves with what is right and fair,** since you know that you too have a Master in heaven.

Table Talk (Part 1)

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