

“Relationships that Work”

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Colossians 3:18-4:1

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Introduction:

- A. Snoopy said: “That’s the way I am..._____ and _____.”
- B. Poster: “Involvement with people is always a very _____ thing...It requires real _____ to become involved and not get all _____ up.”
- C. God’s reign and influence should impact our _____.
- D. There are different _____ in our relationships.
- E. There is a _____ quality to godly and healthy relationships.

I. God’s Model for _____ (Col. 3:18-19)

- A. The duty for wives is _____.
 - 1. Submission is not _____ or _____.
 - 2. Submission means “to _____ under _____.”
 - 3. A wife’s submission is to be guided by “what is _____ in the Lord.”
- B. The positive command for a husband is to _____ his wife.
 - 1. The Greek word used here is agape which is God’s _____ love.
 - 2. The negative command for a husband is to not be _____ or _____.

II. God’s Principles for _____ (Col. 3:20-21)

- A. Children have a responsibility to _____ their parents.
 - 1. The verb is in the _____ tense—the action is continual and habitual.
 - 2. Their obedience is to be in _____.
 - 3. Their obedience _____ the Lord.
- B. Parents are not to _____ their children, so they don’t get _____.
 - 1. Avoid the unreasonable exercise of _____.
 - 2. Avoid _____ and excessive _____.
 - 3. Ways to discourage your kids:
 - a. _____ them.
 - b. _____ them.
 - c. _____ them
 - d. _____ them.
 - 4. How to encourage your kids:
 - a. _____.
 - b. _____ to.
 - c. Speak words of _____.
 - d. _____ for.

III. God’s Way in the _____ (Col. 3:22-4:1)

- A. Employees should work _____, _____, and _____.
- B. Employers should treat their employees _____ and _____.
 - 1. Paul reminds _____ bosses that they have a _____ boss.

Conclusion:

- A. The key to having relationships that work is the rightful place of _____ as _____ of our lives.

Answer Key: Intro.A. huggable, buggable. B. delicate, maturity, messed. C. relationships. D. roles. E. reciprocal. I. Marriage. I.A. submission. I.A.1. obedience, slavery. I.A.2. arrange, rank. I.A.3. fitting. I.B. love. I.B.1. sacrificial. I.B.2. bitter, harsh. II. Families. II.A. obey. II.A.1. present. II.A.2. everything. II.A.3. pleases. II.B. exasperate, discouraged. II.B.1. authority. II.B.2. fault-finding, nagging. II.B.3.a. ignore. II.B.3.b. indulge. II.B.3.c. insult. II.B.3.d. intimidate. II.B.4.a. spend time. II.B.4.b. listen. II.B.4.c. love. II.B.4.d. pray. III. Workplace. III.A. submissively, sincerely, spiritually. III.B. justly, fairly. III.B.1. earthly, heavenly. Concl.A. Jesus, Lord.