



SUNDAY JUNE 6, 2021

CHRIST SHOULD HAVE PREEMINENCE
IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

¹⁷And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. ¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

²⁰Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged. ²²Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. ²³Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. ²⁵But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites. Masters, be just and fair to your slaves. Remember that you also have a Master—in heaven.

~ Colossians 3:17- 4:1

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“The strength of a nation is derived from the integrity of its homes.” ~ Confucius

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ~ 2 Timothy 3:1-3

1. LIVING UNDER CHRIST’S SUPREMACY SHOULD AFFECT ALL OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ~ Colossians 3:18-21

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ~ Galatians 3:28

And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ~ Ephesians 5:21

Men We Are To...

- **Love Our Wives Unconditionally**
- **Maintain a Good Attitude Towards Them**

2. LIVING UNDER CHRIST’S SUPREMACY SHOULD AFFECT CHILD-PARENT RELATIONSHIPS.

Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged. ~ Colossians 3:20-21

3. LIVING UNDER CHRIST’S SUPREMACY SHOULD AFFECT OUR WORK ETHIC.

²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. ~ Colossians 3:23-24

Are you a slave? Don’t let that worry you—but if you get a chance to be free, take it. ~ 1 Corinthians 7:21

The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the

wholesome teaching ¹¹ *that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God. ~ 1 Timothy 1:10-11 (NLT)*

4. THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST SHOULD GUIDE THE WAY EMPLOYERS TREAT EMPLOYEES.

Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. ~ Colossians 4:1

Memory Verse

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

~ Matthew 7:12

NEXT STEPS:

- Memorize Matthew 7:12
- Become a follower of Jesus
- Invite a friend to church next week