

Colossians 3:18-21

A New Family

Wives, as the new person you are, choose to _____
_____ your will to your husbands whenever necessary. (:18)

If you are a wife, what area(s) of your marriage might you need to apply this to?

Husbands, as the new person you are, choose to _____
_____ your wife at all times. (:19)

If you are a husband, what area(s) of your marriage might you need to apply this to?

Sons and daughters, as the new person you are, choose _____
_____ to your parents in everything. (:20)

If you are an unmarried son or daughter, what area(s) of your relationship with your parents might you need to apply this to?

Fathers, as the new person you are, do not cause your kids to _____
but follow the Father's example of disciplining towards _____ living. (:21)

If you are a father, what area(s) of your relationship with your kid(s) might you need to apply this to?

As new people in Christ, we each continue to have special roles and responsibilities within our families but have new ways to fulfill those roles and responsibilities. Wives in Christ have moved from self-interested control to selfless surrender. Husbands in Christ have moved from self-satisfaction to self-sacrificing service. Sons and daughters in Christ have moved from self-asserting defiance to self-denying obedience. Fathers in Christ have moved from self-centered domineering to growth-seeking discipline.

As we each in our different roles image Christ, our families can be a collective testimony to the loving, submissive, and sacrificial character of our Lord.