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INTRODUCTION

Is there any two arenas of life more common and familiar than family and work life? Everyone has a family - maybe not the one you wish you had, but you have a family. Most of us have or have had a job, or been a business owner and employer. We spend the vast majority of our lives in these two arenas. It makes perfect sense that Paul would apply specific applications of our new life in Christ to these areas.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:17-4:1

What are the key words in Colossians 3:17 and 23? How does this help us properly interpret these passages?

What specific groups of people are mentioned in this passage?

DISCUSSION

What is the first thought that comes to your mind when you read this passage?



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DISCUSSION CONTINUED...

Read Colossians 3:17.

What does it mean to do everything "in the name of the Lord Jesus"?

What was the most significant legacy of your family life as a kid (good or bad)? How has it impacted you? What does Paul's emphasis on family life communicate to you?

Read Colossians 3:17-4:1. What can go wrong in this passage if we are not applying it in light of Colossians 3:12-16?

APPLICATION

Paul addresses specific audiences in this passage. How should this govern our exhortation to apply these words to our lives?

What do you make of Paul addressing husbands and fathers more specifically and frequently?

What can you do *specifically*, at home or at work to be a more faithful representation of Jesus?

What is your plan to bring this to action?
