

***“Living Beyond Expectations”* Part II**

Colossians 3:18-4:1

The world’s view of authority = \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ others.

But, . . . Jesus’ view of authority = \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ others in \_\_\_\_\_. (Mark 10:43-44)

1. Paul was calling all believers to give \_\_\_\_\_ than was \_\_\_\_\_ of them \_\_\_\_.
2. Paul was subtly \_\_\_\_\_ the social order by giving those without power, the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ for going beyond expectations, is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

Our experience of God’s grace ought to change . . .

- 1) Our general \_\_\_\_\_. (to one of gratitude and humility, vs. entitlement and self-focus)
- 2) Our \_\_\_\_\_. (one that sees others through the lens of the cross, not one of power)
- 3) Our \_\_\_\_\_. (to love and honor God by loving and honoring others)
- 4) Our \_\_\_\_\_ of truth. (for me, not for thee)
- 5) Our \_\_\_\_\_. (the grace that God’s shown us)

	<u>The Powerless</u>	<u>The Powerful</u>
Roles:	Wives, children, slaves	Husbands, Fathers, Masters
Relative value:	“Less than”	“Greater than”
Status:	Property	Property owners
Standing:	No legal rights	Full legal rights
Expectations.:	complete obedience	No minimum expectations
Accountability:	100% accountable	No accountability

**“Not because I have to, and not because it’s expected. But because of how Jesus has loved me.”**  
(and how He still does).

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**The world’s view of authority = Power to dominate others.**

But, . . . **Jesus’ view of authority = power to serve others in love.** (Mark 10:43-44)

- 1. Paul was calling all believers to give more than was expected of them in love.**
- 2. Paul was subtly undermining the social order by giving those without power, the power to choose love.**
- 3. The motive for going beyond expectations, is God’s love and grace for us.**

**Our experience of God’s grace ought to change . . .**

- 1) Our general attitude.** (to one of gratitude and humility, vs. entitlement and self-focus)
- 2) Our perspective.** (one that sees others through the lens of the cross, not one of power)
- 3) Our purpose.** (to love and honor God by loving and honoring others)
- 4) Our application of truth.** (for me, not for thee)
- 5) Our motivation.** (the grace that God’s shown us)

	<u>The Powerless</u>	<u>The Powerful</u>	<u>The Christian</u>
Roles:	Wives, children, slaves	Husbands, Fathers, Masters	All roles and relationships
Relative value:	“Less than”	“Greater than”	Equal
Status:	Property	Property owners	Chosen by God, holy, loved
Standing:	No legal rights	Full legal rights	No rights
Expectations.:	complete obedience	No minimum expectations	Honor and serve others in love
Accountability:	100% accountable	No accountability	Accountable to God

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