

In the Name of the Lord Jesus

Colossians 3:18-4:1

Wives and Husbands

“Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.”

- Colossians 3:18-19

Submit: Voluntary, “As unto the Lord”, Equal Ground

Love: Initiates, Sacrifice

Children and Parents

“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.”

- Colossians 3:20-21

Traits of Parents Who Pass on Their Faith:

- Authority
- Empathy

Slaves and Masters

“Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.”

- Colossians 3:22

Why Fulfill Your Role?

1. Reward
2. The Lord
3. Justice

“You died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

- Colossians 3:3

“You are not your own; you were bought at a price.” - I Corinthians 6:20

Discussion Questions:

- As these instructions relate to you and your role, what is challenging? What is encouraging?
- In parenting, do you find it harder to be an authority or to be empathetic?
- How does fulfilling your role as unto the Lord change your perspective?