

The Supremacy of Christ: Relationships that Please the Lord

Colossians 3:18-4:1

I. Husband and wife relationships that please the Lord.

📖 Colossians 3:18 (NIV84) “Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

📖 Ephesians 5:21–22 (NIV84) “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²² Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.”

📖 Ephesians 5:25–27 (NIV84) “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”

📖 Colossians 3:19 (NIV84) “Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.”

II. Parent and child relationships that please the Lord.

📖 Colossians 3:20 (NIV84) “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”

📖 2 Timothy 3:1–5 (NIV84) “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.”

📖 Ephesians 6:1–3 (NIV84) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

📖 Ephesians 6:4 (NIV84) “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

📖 Colossians 3:21 (NIV84) “Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.”

III. Employer and employee relationships that please the Lord.

📖 Colossians 3:22 (NIV84) “Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.”

📖 Colossians 3:23–25 (NIV84) “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.”

📖 Colossians 4:1 (NIV84) “Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.”

Digging Deeper: When you think of the word “submit” what comes to mind? What did you learn today that helps you to better understand what submitting actually means? What is/was your relationship with your parents like? What does/did



discipline look like in your home? Why do you think God cares so much about how we treat one another at home?

Have you ever really stopped to consider how a person from a different race views the things you see? What can we learn from each other? What can we do to better love one another? Is your employer getting your best effort?

Describe the best boss that you ever had. If you are an employer, would those who work for you be able to say that you are the best boss that they've ever had?