

122. Dr. Andrew Corbett

12 May 2020 at 6:10:24 pm
Col. 3:18 ¶ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
Col. 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.
Col. 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
Col. 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
Col. 3:22 Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
Col. 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,
Col. 3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

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19 May 2020 at 9:45:16 pm
John 4:53 The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household.

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19 May 2020 at 9:44:43 pm
Acts 18:8 Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

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19 May 2020 at 9:44:18 pm
1Cor. 16:15 ¶ Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints—

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20 May 2020 at 10:00:57 am
Col. 3:18 ¶ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

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20 May 2020 at 10:01:57 am
It initially sounds as if the Apostle is merely reinforcing Roman culture, until we continue to read his flow of thought—which is why we should never just read a bible verse!

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20 May 2020 at 10:01:22 am
Col. 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

Study 10

COLOSSIANS 3:18-24

BUILD A DIFFERENT HOME

When the epistle to the Colossians was written, people generally lived in households (John 4:53; Acts 18:8; 1Cor. 16:15) This frequently included a family (parents with their children) living with members of their *extended* family (aunts, uncles, grand-parents) and live-in servants as well. Roman households were built upon a hierarchy. But Christianity revolutionised the way families and households interacted with each other.

126 1. In what way does Colossians 3:18 sound as if the apostle Paul is reinforcing this basis of Roman culture?

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128 2. But why might Colossians 3:19 have sounded so shocking to Paul's original audience? (And does it effect the way we understand Colossians 3:18?)

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131 Colossians 3:19 removes any justification for a husband to hit, harm, or maliciously hurt his wife. Christianity radically transformed how husbands and wives are to relate to each other, but most particularly how husbands are to treat their wives. Based on Ephesians 5:25, 28 husbands are to love their wives in the same way that Christ loves His Church! While this goal might seem unattainable for most husbands, perhaps a great place to start for a husband is to go for a regular walk with his wife and gives her his undivided attention for the duration of their walk.

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20 May 2020 at 10:01:07 am

Col. 3:18 ¶ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

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20 May 2020 at 10:03:11 am

In Roman culture, men did not always marry for love. Often they married for purposes of status, to sire children, and would often have a mistress in addition to their wife. Added to this, using prostitutes was not regarded as immoral in Roman culture. But here Paul is stating that a man's wife has an exclusive role to play in a husband's life and that the husband is to treat his wife with the utmost care and love.

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20 May 2020 at 10:01:29 am

Col. 3:19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

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20 May 2020 at 10:01:45 am
Col. 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

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20 May 2020 at 10:05:50 am
Children should obey their parents because their parents represent God.

In one sense, a child who obeys their parent who has instructed them to disobey God- the parent bears the greater accountability. In another sense, when the instruction is so immoral and so irreparable the child should take whatever measures they can to disagree with and withstand their parent.

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20 May 2020 at 11:02:05 am
[God] The Father

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20 May 2020 at 11:11:54 am
Col. 3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

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20 May 2020 at 11:16:32 am
Examples might include-
1. Abuse them (verbally or physically) in the misguided notion that this is 'discipline'
2. Discipline them in anger
3. Discourage them from obeying them in the future or from developing their relationship with God The Father.

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20 May 2020 at 2:00:35 pm
Col. 3:22 Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

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20 May 2020 at 2:04:16 pm
Eph. 6:5 ¶ Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, Eph. 6:6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, Eph. 6:8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

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20 May 2020 at 2:00:48 pm
Paul is telling bondservants (slaves) to obey their masters — even though they might be Christians. Thus, rather than being out of step with the

132 3. Why should children obey their parents according to Colossians 3:20? (How then should a child respond to a parental command which violates God's Law?)

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134 Because the New Testament teaches that fathers are to represent God _____, they are to treat their children in a way that reflects God's heart and character.

135 4. Based on Colossians 3:21, list three examples of what fathers should not do to their children -

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I have never met a perfect father. I have never met a father who hasn't got angry at their children at times and done and said things in the heat of that anger that they later regretted. But I have met *humble* dads who have shared with me how they have, at times, had to go to their child/ren and apologise for their angry outburst and ask for forgiveness from their child/ren.

5. The Roman Empire was dependent upon slaves. We know that many of these slaves turned to Christ at the preaching of the apostles (the Epistle of Philemon gives an example of this). Because the Gospel meant that a slave was equal to their master, how might Paul's instruction in

137 Colossians 3:22 seemed out of step with this revelation, and was it? (Refer to Ephesians 6:5-8)

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6. Although Paul is addressing the relationships within the households of that day, what principles are there for us from Colossians 3:23-24 for us today? How might the original recipients of this directive have applied it?

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May God help each of us to be agents of His peace, love, and forgiveness toward the members of our families and our workplaces.

Amen.