

COLOSSIANS

CHRIST OVER ALL

Living Life in the Name of the Lord Colossians 3:18-4:6



¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.



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



²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.



²¹Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.



²²Bondservants, 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.



²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,



²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



²⁵For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.



¹Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.



²Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.



³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—



4that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.



⁵Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.



⁶Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.



Instructions for the Christian Household Colossians 3:18-4:1



The Marriage Relationship



¹⁸Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.



Ephesians 5:22-24 (ESV)

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.



Ephesians 5:22-24 (ESV)

²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.



Ephesians 5:22-24 (ESV)

²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.



Colossians 3:19 (ESV)

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



²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,



²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,



²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.



²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.



²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,



³⁰because we are members of his body.



³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."



³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.



³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.



⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.



⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,



⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,



Philippians 2:3-8 (ESV)

⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.



Philippians 2:3-8 (ESV)

⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.



Parental Relationships



Colossians 3:20 (ESV)

²⁰Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.



¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.



²"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise),



Exodus 20:12 (ESV)

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.



Colossians 3:21 (ESV)

²¹Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.



Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)

⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.



4"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.



⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.



⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.



⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.



Societal Relationships



²²Bondservants, 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.



²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,



²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



²⁵For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.



⁵Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ,



onot by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,



⁷rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,



⁸knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.



Colossians 4:1 (ESV)

¹Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.



Ephesians 6:9 (ESV)

⁹Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.



Instructions for the Church Colossians 4:2-6



Be Devoted to Prayer



Colossians 4:2 (ESV)

²Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.



Pray for the Mission



Colossians 4:3-4 (ESV)

³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—



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Relationships Outside the Church



Colossians 4:5-6 (ESV)

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Colossians 4:5-6 (ESV)

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Living Our Entirety of Life in the Name of the Lord Serves as a Witness to All



1 Peter 2:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.



1 Peter 2:11-12 (ESV)

¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

