

COLOSSIANS

Part 7 – Building a Household in the Lord

Colossians 3:18-4:1

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¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17, ESV)

^{3:18} Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Slaves, 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. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. ^{4:1} Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. (vv. 3:18-4:1)

1. BUILD ON A FOUNDATION OF LOVE

¹⁸ Wives, be submissive to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and don't become bitter against them. (vv. 18-19, HCSB)

- Wives: Love submissively
- Husbands: Love sacrificially

(Ephesians 5:21-33)

However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. (Ephesians 5:33, ESV)

2. MAINTAIN A SECURE SHELTER

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (vv. 20-21)

- Children: Obey completely
- Parents: Encourage continually

(Ephesians 6:1-4)

3. PROVIDE WITH INTEGRITY

^{3:22} Slaves, 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. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. ^{4:1} Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. (vv. 3:22-4:1)

- Employees: Work wholeheartedly
- Employers: Lead humbly

(Ephesians 6:5-9)