

## “THE CHRISTIAN HOUSEHOLD”

Colossians 3:18-4:1

### Introduction

- I. Instruction to Wives – Colossians 3:18
  - A. The Concept of Submission – Ephesians 5:21
  - B. The Center of Submission – Ephesians 5:22
  - C. The Context of Submission – Colossians 3:22, Galatians 3:27-28
  
- II. Instruction to Husbands – Colossians 3:19
  - A. Husbands Are to Love Their Wives Unconditionally – Ephesians 5:25
  - B. Husbands Are to Love Their Wives Sacrificially – Ephesians 5:25
  - C. Husbands Are to Love Their Wives Purposefully – Ephesians 5:26-27
  - D. Husbands Are to Love Their Wives Passionately – Ephesians 5:28-29
    1. We are to Nourish Our Wives
    2. We are to Cherish Our Wives – Ephesians 5:33
  
- III. Instruction to Children – Colossians 3:20
  - A. Obedience Is a Principal of Morality – Colossians 3:20, Ephesians 6:1
  - B. Obedience Is a Precept of Scripture – Ephesians 6:2, Exodus 20:12
  - C. Obedience Is a Protection for Children – Ephesians 6:3
  - D. Obedience Is a Prerequisite for a Long Life – Ephesians 6:3
  
- IV. Instruction to Parents – Colossians 3:21, Ephesians 6:4
  
- V. Instruction to Employees – Colossians 3:22-25, Ephesians 6:8
  - A. The Employee’s Action – Colossians 3:22, Titus 2:9-10
  - B. The Employee’s Assignment – Colossians 3:22, 1 Timothy 6:2
  - C. The Employee’s Attitude – Colossians 3:22-23
  - D. The Employee’s Award – Colossians 3:24-25
  
- VI. Instruction to Employers – Colossians 4:1
  - A. Respect Your Employees – Colossians 4:1
  - B. Remember that You Also Have a Master – Colossians 4:1

### Conclusion

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

### Getting Started

1. What is your favorite hobby? How many hours, per week do you engage in this pastime?
2. Conversely, describe a chore, duty, or task that you are required to do on a daily or weekly basis. How is this different from your hobby?

### Digging Deeper

1. When you were a child, what was your view of the responsibilities/roles of the husband and the wife? How has this changed since you have grown up (and gotten married)?
2. Read Colossians 3:23-24. What type of work do you do? How long have you done it? On a scale of 1-10 (1=low; 10=high), how engaged do you feel at work?
3. Read Psalm 37:3-6. What is promised to those who trust in the Lord? When have you been fully engaged in this type of trust? What was the outcome of that season of life?
4. Read Psalm 37:7-8. Rest from worry is powerful. When have you experienced worry and then found rest from that worry?
5. How does a person 1) live fully engaged in the life God has given him/her, while 2) living in full dependence on God to provide for any need that will arise? How have you seen this done well?

### Bringing it Home

1. What is one new way that you can begin showing love to your family?
2. What needs to happen for you to engage more in the opportunities God has given you?