

Serving Christ in the Family and at Work

Colossians 3:18-4:1

Marriage – fitting in the Lord

Wives: appropriately defer

Husbands: love and do not be harsh

Family – pleasing the Lord

Children: obey

Fathers: do not exasperate or you will dishearten

Work place – revering and serving the Lord our Master who will reward us

Under authority: work sincerely with all your heart

In authority: be just and fair

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 embitter your children,
or they will become discouraged.*

²² *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.*

²³ *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.*

¹ *Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair,
because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.*