

Family with Jesus in Charge

Colossians 3:18-21

A. Wives who seek God's will (3:18)

- Subject: "wives"
- Instruction: "submit to your own husbands"
- Reason: "as is fitting in the Lord"

B. Husbands who seek God's will (3:19)

- Subject: "husbands"
- Instruction: "love your wives"
- Clarification: "and do not be bitter toward them"

Key Scriptures on Marriage:

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| ○ Genesis 2:18-25 – <i>the first marriage</i> | ○ Matt. 5:27-32 – <i>Jesus on faithfulness</i> |
| ○ Genesis 3:16 – <i>marriage conflict in the curse</i> | ○ Matt. 19:1-12 – <i>Jesus on divorce</i> |
| ○ Ephesians 5:22-33 – <i>reflecting Christ</i> | ○ 1 Cor. 7 – <i>faithfulness matters</i> |
| ○ Colossians 3:18-19 – <i>as is fitting for saints</i> | ○ Proverbs 5:18; 12:4; 18:22; 19:13-14; 21:9; 21:19; 25:24; 27:15; 31:10-31 |
| ○ 1 Peter 3:1-7 – <i>in submitting to God's will</i> | ○ The Song of Solomon – <i>a poetic praise of the love in marriage</i> |
| ○ Hebrews 13:4 – <i>the honorable option</i> | |
| ○ Psalm 127 – <i>the Lord must build it</i> | |

C. Children who seek God's will (3:20)

- Subject: "children"
- Instruction: "obey your parents in all things"
- Reason: "for this is well-pleasing to the Lord"

D. Fathers who seek God's will (3:21)

- Subject: "fathers"
- Instruction: "do not provoke your children"
- Reason: "lest they become discouraged"

Key Scriptures on training children:

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| ○ Genesis 2:24 – <i>the priority of marriage</i> | ○ Proverbs ch. 1-9 – <i>wisdom worth passing on to children</i> |
| ○ Ephesians 6:1-4 – <i>this is right</i> | ○ Proverbs 1:8-9; 13:24; 19:18; 20:7; 22:6; 23:13-14 – <i>the value of training</i> |
| ○ Colossians 3:20-21 – <i>as is fitting for saints</i> | ○ Proverbs 6:20-23; 12:1; 13:1; 19:25-26 – <i>the value of listening</i> |
| ○ Psalm 127 – <i>children as a blessing from God</i> | |