

The Spirit Filled Life | Colossians 3:18-4:1

Wives, submit to your husbands, as if fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. Bondservants, 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. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Main Idea

The glory of God's name is our motivation in ethics and relationships.

1. Marriage

- A godly marriage is a reflection of the relationship between the church and Christ.
- When wives submit to their husbands, it reflects and preaches that the church submits to Christ;
- When husbands love their wives, it reflects and preaches that Christ loves the church;
 - a. "An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels." (Proverbs 31:10)

2. Parenting

- The role of parents in family discipleship is to live out the gospel in both word and deed; providing love and assurance to their children;

3. Vocation

- We are devoted to the entire task in our vocation or occupation; not doing so demonstrates irreverence to the Lord;

How Is Any Of This Possible? | Application

1. Motivated by God's glory

- a. "And 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)

2. Empowered by the Holy Spirit

- a. "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.." (Ephesians 5:18)

Benediction | Colossians 3:17

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