

**“Moments of Opportunity”
(Christ’s Preeminence-Modeled)
Colossians 3:18-4:1**

HUSBANDS AND WIVES. Colossians 3:18-19

- **WCF Ch. 24 Sec. 1** “*Marriage is to be between one man and one woman: neither is it lawful for any man to have more than one wife, nor for any woman to have more than one husband, at the same time*”. Ref. Gen. 2:24, Matt. 19:4-6, Rom. 7:3 & Prov. 2:17

v. 18 “submit” - Gk. *hypotassō* - “to arrange under, to subject oneself, to yield to one’s admonition, or to one’s advice, (also a military term) “to arrange troop divisions in a military fashion under the command of a leader”

- All Christians regardless of rank or gender. Ref. Philippians 2:3-4, I Peter 5:1-6
- Not a command from her husband. Ref. Ephesians 5:22

“Where there are sacrifice and submission in an atmosphere of love, you will find a happy home. But where there is selfishness, there will be conflict and division.”

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v.19 “love” - Gk. *agapao* - “to be fond of, to love dearly, unconditional love, well pleased”

“harsh” -Gk. *pikrainō* - “to make bitter, produce a bitter taste in the stomach, exasperate, render angry, indignant, irritated, to visit with bitterness, to grieve (deal bitterly with).

- Man has the *responsibility (rank)* of headship/leadership in the home. I Cor. 11:3,8
- Headship IS NOT *dictatorship*, both are to submit to one another. Ref. Eph. 5:21
- Husbands...be careful to not harbor ill will. Ref. Eph. 4:15,26; Heb. 12:15
- Rather, communicate in love. Ref. I Cor. 13:4-5

“If a wife is asked to submit, it is to her husband’s love, not to his tyranny.”

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PARENTS AND CHILDREN. Colossians 3:20-21

- Q: do children have rights? **YES 1.** “a right to be born” Ref. Psalm 139:13; Jer. 1:5 **2.** A right to grow up in a God fearing home. Ref. Deut. 6:4-7; Josh. 24:15, Eph. 6:4.
- Along with rights, comes responsibilities. Ref. Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-4.

“Children don’t necessarily create problems, but they most always reveal them”

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“Fathers” v.21 Gk. *patēr* “Parents” Ref. Heb 11:23

“provoke” Gk. *erethizō* “to stir up, excite” NASB “exasperate” NLT “aggravate” NIV “embitter”

- Rather encourage instead of discourage your children. Ref. James 1:19-20
- What Children should NOT find: 1. Over protection 2. Favoritism 3. Deprecating their worth 4. Discouragement 5. Never demonstrating affection 6. Not providing their needs 7. No discipline/ boundaries **“do we put straw next to a fire not expect it to burn?” Joel Beeke** 8. Over discipline 9. Criticism 10. Neglect

“You took time to have me...but you won’t take time to listen to me”

Paul David Tripp

MASTERS AND SERVANTS. Colossians 3:22-4:1

- **“heartily”** - Gk. *psychē* “breath, from the soul”
- “Wrongdoer”? vs. “Inheritance” - *“every idle word”* Ref. Romans 6:1; Mt.12:36-37
- Q: Whose the captain of your ship? Ref. I Cor. 5:19-20

What Children should find at Home

1. Guidance

- "Where there is no guidance a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety." (Prov. 11:14)
- "For you are my rock and fortress; and for your name's sake you lead and guide me." (Ps. 31:3)

2. Protection

- "Like the birds hovering, so the Lord of hosts will protect Jerusalem; he will protect and deliver it; he will spare and rescue it." (Isa. 31:5)
- "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty." (Ps. 91:1)

3. Instruction

- "Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way." (Ps. 25:8)
- "Thus says the LORD of hosts. ... Will you not receive instruction and listen to my words? declares the LORD." (Jer. 35:13)

4. Wisdom

- "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." (James 1:5)
- "And because of him you are in Christ, who became to us wisdom from God...." (1 Cor. 1:30)

5. Authority

- "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." (Rom. 13:1)
- "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'" (Matt. 28:18)

6. Rules

- "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." (Ps. 19:7)
- «But you are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are true." (Ps. 119:151)

7. Structure

- "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jer. 29:11)
- "The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations." (Ps. 33:11)

8. Preparation

- "The heart of a man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps." (Prov. 16:9)
- "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness." (2 Pet. 1:3)

9. Understanding

- "I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation." (Ps. 119:99)
- "The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple." (Ps. 119:130)

10. Confrontation

- "He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke? He who teaches man knowledge...." (Ps. 94:10)
- "But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today,' that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." (Heb. 3:13)

11. Discipline

- "Know then in your heart, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you." (Deut. 8:5)
- "For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." (Heb. 12:6)

12. Warning

- "He said to them, 'Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law.'" (Deut. 32:46)
- "Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward." (Ps. 19:11)

13. Love

- "The LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." (Ex. 34:6)
- "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16)

14. Forgiveness

- "But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared." (Ps. 130:4)
- "As the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive." (Col. 3:13)

15. Security

- "He gives them security, and they are supported, and his eyes are upon their ways." (Job 24:23)
- "You, O Lord, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever." (Ps. 12:7)

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