

The Christian Home
Colossians 3:18-21

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I. The wife who supports the biblical husband. Colossians 3:18

The word for **submit** is a military word which literally means “to be under in _____.” A military is organized with levels of ranks.

- There is a mission for the Christian family; obeying and glorifying God, as we submit to _____!

II. Husbands must love. Colossians 3:19

The husband, as Christ’s representative in the family has a much higher calling than the wife, because he must _____ to Christ and _____ his wife, the way Christ loved the Church.

- The **love** Paul is commanding from husbands is **Agape love**; a decision from the heart and an _____ **love**.

The husband is to **love** his wife like Christ loved the Church; in other words, _____. **1 Corinthians 13:5**

III. Children must obey. Colossians 3:20

Just like in marriages, within families _____ is central to unity and harmony.

- To **obey** literally means to “hear under”; to place oneself under the God-given authority and to listen with the purpose of _____ to the request; listening, learning, and then doing.

“The breakdown in authority in our society reflects the breakdown of _____ in the home.” (Wiersbe)

IV. Fathers must encourage. Colossians 3:21

The word for **fathers** in **Colossians 3:21** is better translated as “_____”; it is a calling for both parents to encourage their children.

Obedience is a right act, but honor is a right attitude, valuing your parents and holding them in high _____.

Parents need to pray for their children, teaching them with daily devotions, as they love them with godly correction and _____.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week’s sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Colossians 3:18**. Why is the wife mentioned before the husband within this text?
John 15:1-5, Romans 7:18, Ephesians 5:18
2. Read **Colossians 3:19**. Why is the call for a husband to love his wife such a high calling?
1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Ephesians 5:25
3. Read **Colossians 3:20** and **Ephesians 6:2-3**. Paul speaks about one of the Ten Commandments here; how does this apply to New Testament Christians, since we are not under the Mosaic Law? What benefits do New Testament Christians receive by following this admonition?
Exodus 20:12, Romans 6:15, Deuteronomy 30:16, 1 Corinthians 10:23
4. Name some ways parents can provoke their children.
5. What are some things parents do to train their children up in the Lord?
2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Proverbs 22:6, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Proverbs 4:1-13
6. Name some practical ways we can promote respect and harmony within our families this week.
7. Discuss the Practical Application to this sermon.