

Questions

1. Read Colossians 3:17. We finished with this verse last week. Has God helped you think about areas where you need more help to say and do "everything in the name of the Lord Jesus"?
2. What are some of the truths that you've already learned from Colossians that should be kept in mind as you approach the household code that begins in 3:18?
3. Why is it important to understand that Colossians 3:18 commands a wife to submit herself to the leadership of her husband?
4. If you are a husband, what is one way you can better serve your wife for her good?
5. If you are a parent of a young child, are you regularly teaching and showing the example of Jesus Christ? Are there practical ways that you can help your child to learn to listen better?
6. We are obviously not slaves, but if you are employed, are there ways in which you are not being wholehearted toward Christ at your workplace?
7. Read Colossians 3:24. The phrase "You serve the Lord Christ" could be translated as a command: "Serve the Lord Christ." How can you make that command more of a motto for your life? If you're married, how will you make more of a motto for your marriage?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with you.*

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You Serve the Lord Christ

Colossians 3:18-4:1

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Colossians 3:17 says that whatever followers of Christ say or do, they should do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Colossians 3:18 – 4:1 applies that command to the intimate setting of the home, by giving commands to wives, husbands, children and fathers. There are also household commands to slaves and masters. This household code is given to believers to teach us to serve the Lord Christ.

Two Underlying Truths to Recall:

Authority – All Scripture is God breathed.

Literary Context – Colossians has already taught us that Jesus Christ is Lord over all and that believers are joined to Him. Because of that position, we must be putting sin to death while putting on the fruit of God's Spirit.

Wives, submit to your husbands (*hupotasso*).

Fathers, do not exasperate your children.

Husbands, love your wives (cf. Ephesians 5:25).

Slaves, obey your human masters in everything.

Children, obey your parents in everything.

Masters, deal with your slaves justly and fairly.