

THE GOSPEL COMES WITH A HOUSE KEY

Colossians 3:18-4:1

*Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus (3:17),
...and that includes everything in your home & workplace.*

I. The Family of the Home *(behind closed doors)*

A. Wives (3:18)

- a. *"I trust Him with you, therefore I trust you with me."*
- b. *Submit. What's the risk if refused? Blasphemy (Titus 2:5)*
- c. *If you think submission is for the weak, I challenge you to do it successfully.*

B. Husbands (3:19)

- a. *Be aware of the desire to fix immediately, rather than show God's compassion.*
- b. *Avoid bitterness. The alternative? Love & Honor (1 Pet. 3:7)*
- c. *When God created Eve, and Adam broke out in poetry, Adam didn't see a lesser partner to dominate, he saw a woman to love.*

C. Children (3:20)

- a. *Obey, because it pleases the Lord.*

D. Fathers (3:21)

- a. *Do not provoke your children, you don't want them to lose heart!*

II. The Field of the Harvest *(beyond closed doors)*

A. Slaves (3:22-25)

- a. *Obey with sincerity, since at the end of the day, you're serving the Lord.*

B. Masters (4:1)

- a. *Be fair, your Master is watching.*

*The Sin of Man RUPTURED the FAMILY.
The Son of Man REDEEMS the FAMILY.*