

The Lordship of Christ in Relationships

Colossians 3:18 - 4:6

A. Relationships in the Home. 3:18-21.

1. Wives. 3:18.

- a. If a wife lives her marriage “in the name of the Lord Jesus” (3:17), what obligation does she have toward her husband? 3:18a.
- b. Why? 3:18b.

2. Husbands. 3:19.

- a. If a husband lives his marriage “in the name of the Lord Jesus” (3:17), what is his first obligation toward his wife?
- b. What is he forbidden?

3. Children. 3:20.

- a. If children live in the home “in the name of the Lord Jesus” (3:17), what is their obligation toward their parents?
- b. In what areas?
- c. Why?

4. Fathers. 3:21.

- a. If fathers relate to their children “in the name of the Lord Jesus” (3:17), what are they forbidden to do to their children?
- b. Why?

B. Relationships in the Work Place. 3:22 - 4:1

1. Slaves. 3:22-25.

- a. If slaves conduct themselves “in the name of the Lord (Master) Jesus” (3:17), what is their responsibility toward their earthly masters (lords)? 3:22a.
- b. In what areas? 3:22a.
- c. How are they forbidden to work? 3:22b.
- d. With what attitude are they obligated to work? 3:22c.
- e. Whom are they to be fearing? 3:22d.
- f. No matter what they are doing, how are they to work? 3:23a.
- g. For whom are they to work? 3:23b.
- h. From whom will they receive their ultimate paycheck? 3:24a.
- i. For whom are they (lit.) slaving? 3:24b.
- j. What will happen to the slave who endeavors to sabotage his master’s work? 3:25.

2. Masters. 4:1.

- a. What two things are masters (lit. lords) commanded to be providing for their slaves? 4:1b.
- b. What is the motivation of the masters? 4:1b.

C. Relationship toward God. 4:2-4.

1. The importance of prayer. 4:2.
 - a. In what are we commanded to keep persisting?
 - b. For what are we commanded to “be on the lookout” continually?
 - c. What is to accompany our watchfulness?

2. The request for prayer. 4:3-4.
 - a. What did Paul ask them to pray for on behalf of him and his team? 4:3.
 - b. What was his specific request? 4:4.
3. What lessons about prayer should we learn from these verses?

D. Relationships Toward Those who are not Believers in Jesus. 4:5-6.

1. How are we to conduct ourselves toward those who are on the outside? 4:5.
2. How are we to handle the time in relationship to them?
3. What two ingredients should always characterize our speech? 4:6a.
4. What should we always be prepared to do? 4:6b.

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