

Discovering Life IN Christ Radically Changed Households - Col 3:18-4:1

Making Christ the focus of everyday life:

1. God's plan for marriage - _____ and _____ (18-19)

Wives:

Husbands:

Two commands:

1.

2.

Action Ideas for husbands and wives:

Husbands:

- Every day, tell your wife something you agape about her.
- Relieve her of one of her tasks this week so she can recharge.
- Pray **for** her specifically every day this week. Initiate prayer **with** her.
- If you are harsh, insensitive, short in your speech, apologize as soon as you recognize it and are man enough to do it.

Wives:

- Every day, tell him some way that he is a good leader.
- Ask your husband's opinion about something and take it.
- Leave him verses of strength and encouragement to find.
- Respond positively when he leads.
- \circ $\,$ Do not allow any critical or sarcastic word toward him.

2. God's plan for parenting – _____ and ____ (20-21) Children:

Action Ideas:

- Listen for something your parents need done, and do it before being asked.
- \circ Smile as you obey without delay. $\textcircled{\mbox{$\odot$}}$
- $\,\circ\,$ Thank God daily that you have parents that love you enough to instruct.

Fathers / Parents:

Things that provoke:

Action Ideas:

- \circ Spend time with them helping on one of their projects.
- \circ Listen and be patient hear them, understand them.
- \circ Tell each of your children something about them you are proud of.
- 3. God's plan for the workplace Be _____ and _____. (22-4:1)

Bond-servants / employees:

- \circ Don't justify dishonesty, negligence, or shoddy work.
- \circ Work hard and do your best even if your boss isn't around.
- $\ensuremath{\circ}$ Take initiative. Find work to do that needs to be done.
- \circ Don't complain about work or your boss.

Masters / Bosses:

- \circ Care about those under you be considerate of them.
- \circ Treat employees as people, not resources.
- \circ Pay fair wages.
- \circ Encourage those under you.

Equipping - Memorization:

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.