

“WHATEVER YOU DO...”

Colossians 3:18–4:6

Wisdom for Christian Households

3:18–4:1

- Based on Paul’s admonitions in Colossians 3:1–17, Paul now gives practical wisdom and implications for Christian households.
- Wives were to submit to their husbands in a way that honors God.
- Husbands were to love their wives and refrain from being harsh with them.
- Out of a desire to please the Lord, children should obey their parents.
- Paul’s admonition for Christian fathers to refrain from provoking their children reiterates the value of children in family.
- Bondservants were to obey their earthly masters with renewed hearts, honoring the Lord.
- Masters were to treat their bondservants fairly and justly as an act of submission to the Lord.

Christian households _____ the character and power
of God to a watching world.

Just as we need the Holy Spirit’s empowerment to “put off sin” and “put on Christ,”
we need His _____ in our families and homes.

Wisdom for Christian Life

4:2–6

- The Colossians’ prayers should be marked by steadfastness, watchfulness, and gratitude.
- As the Colossians grow in godliness, their lives should be increasingly characterized by wisdom, gracious speech, and preparedness.

How do you need to _____ in prayer, in wisdom, or in grace?

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Matthew 22:37–39

And [Jesus] said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Romans 12:10–13

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

1 Peter 3:15–16

...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.