



Whatever You Do... (Colossians 3:18-25)

It's Starts in the Home

“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. **Husbands, love** your wives and do not be bitter toward them. **Children, obey** your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. **Fathers, do not provoke** your children, lest they become discouraged. **Bondservants, obey** in all things your masters according to the flesh, **not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers,** but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.” Colossians 3:18-22 NKJV

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- ☑ *“And **whatever you do in word or deed,** do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through Him.”
Colossians 3:17 NKJV*
- ☑ **A running start...**
- ☑ We ended last week with a single verse that speaks to the entirety of this week’s message.
- ☑ Whatever you do...

- ☑ Yes, it all comes down to this single idea. Maybe this is the single most important guiding factor in everything we say or do as a disciple of Christ.
- ☑ Whatever you do...
- ☑ If you are saying anything or doing anything, make this one thing what rules in your heart...
- ☑ Whatever you do, do it as if you are doing it for God!
- ☑ And then we see specific character and characteristics as they are called to reflect Christ in relationship to one another in the next five verses.
- ☑ And if we peer deeply, we see the image of God in full relief with all the character traits God wishes to reveal about himself: Wife, Husband, Children, Father, Bondservant...
- ☑ See the [Image of God](#) for a detailed teaching on the character traits to the Creator.
- ☑ *“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.” Colossians 3:18 NKJV*
- ☑ **The Wife...**
- ☑ The Holy Spirit; the Helper: The wife, the feminine DNA of God, is symbolic of the Holy Spirit in the “3-persons-in-one” Godhead image of God. In both the Old and New Testament we see the wife as the Helper! And note

that she is an 'equal' Helper...comparable to Him! She is an heir together with her husband.

- ☑ "And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; **I will make him a helper** comparable to him."" Genesis 2:18 NKJV
- ☑ "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you." John 16:7 NKJV
- ☑ ""If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and **He will give you another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever— **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." John 14:15-17 NKJV
- ☑ "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the **weaker vessel**, and as being **heirs together of the grace** of life, that your prayers may not be hindered." I Peter 3:7 NKJV
- ☑ "**Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.**" Colossians 3:19 NKJV

☑ The Husband...

- ☑ It is clear that God presents himself as a husband! The husband's role is love... God is love!
- ☑ “For **your Maker is your husband**, The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; **He is called the God of the whole earth.**” Isaiah 54:5 NKJV
- ☑ “**Husbands, love your wives**, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,” Ephesians 5:25 N
- ☑ “Beloved, let us love one another, **for love is of God**; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love.**” I John 4:7-8 NKJV

☑ “**Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.**” Colossians 3:20 NKJV

☑ The Child...

- ☑ The child is the fruit of the wife and husband. They are a blessing from the Lord. Their role is to honor and be radically obedient to their parents.
- ☑ “So God created man **in His own image**; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them. Then **God blessed them**, and God said to them,

“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”” Genesis 1:27-28 NKJV

☑ **“Behold, children are a heritage** from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is **a reward.”** Psalms 127:3 NKJV

☑ **““Honor your father and your mother,** that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12 NKJV

☑ **“who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”** Philippians 2:6-8 NKJV

☑ **“saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.””** Luke 22:42 NKJV

☑ ***“Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”*** Colossians 3:21 NKJV

☑ **The Father...**

- ☑ The Father brings identity to the family and knows the needs of the children. The Father prunes the family and protects it from weeds and fruitless branches.
- ☑ “Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” **“I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.”**” II Corinthians 6:17-18 NKJV
- ☑ ““Therefore do not be like them. **For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.** In this manner, therefore, pray: **Our Father in heaven,** Hallowed be Your name.” Matthew 6:8-9 NKJV
- ☑ ““I am the true vine, and **My Father is the vinedresser.** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit **He prunes,** that it may bear more fruit.” John 15:1-2 NKJV
- ☑ **“If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons;** for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then **you are illegitimate and not sons.**” Hebrews 12:7-8 NKJV
- ☑ “Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. **Holy Father [protect], keep**

through Your name those whom You have given Me,
that they may be one as We are.” John 17:11 NKJV

☑ *“**Bondservants, obey** in all things your masters according to the flesh, **not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.**” Colossians 3:22 NKJV*

☑ **The Bondservant...**

☑ The bondservant, like the child has humble obedience as his most prominent character trait. The ultimatum for the bondservant is, “Would you rather go free or stay and serve your master forever?” If you choose to forever serve your master, it will be like you have willingly chosen to permanently surrender your free will; it will feel like a death of self!

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- ☑ “saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; **nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.**”” Luke 22:42 NKJV
- ☑ ““Now these are the judgments which you shall set before them: If you buy a **Hebrew servant**, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh **he shall go out free** and pay nothing. **If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him.** If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, **the wife and her children shall be her master’s**, and he shall go out by himself. **But if the servant plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,’** then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, **and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever.**” Exodus 21:1-6 NKJV (See [The Bondservant and His Master](#) & [Bondage & Bondservants](#))

Please God, Not Man!

“And **whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men**, knowing that **from the Lord you will receive the reward of**

the inheritance; **for you serve the Lord Christ.** But he who **does wrong will be repaid** for what he has done, and **there is no partiality.**" Colossians 3:23-25 NKJV

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☑ Whatever you do in **word or deed...**

☑ "And **whatever you do in word or deed, do all** in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17 NKJV

☑ Do all to the glory of God...

☑ "Therefore, **whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**" I Corinthians 10:31 NKJV

☑ Serve the Lord, not men...

☑ "Bondservants, be **obedient** to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; **not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ,** doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill **doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,** knowing that whatever

good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free." Eph. 6:5-8 NKJV

☑ **Whatever you do with your time and energy, remember you have one life to live!**

☑ "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom **in the grave** where you are going." Ecclesiastes 9:10

☑ **Whether you live or die, you belong to the Lord!**

☑ "For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. **Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.**" Romans 14:8 NKJV

☑ **You were purchased at a cost; you don't belong to you!**

☑ "...you are not your own? For you were bought at a **price**; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19b-20 NKJV

☑ **If you speak, let it be God's word; if you minister, let it be with the abilities God gave. It's ONLY for God's glory...**

☑ "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, **that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ**, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen." I Peter 4:11 NKJV

☑ **If you aim to please, please God!**

- ☑ “For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? **For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.**” Galatians 1:10 NKJV
- ☑ **If you give thanks, thank God!**
- ☑ “**giving thanks always for all things to God** the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,” Ephesians 5:20 NKJV
- ☑ **If you are anything good, it’s from God!**
- ☑ “that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of **every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.**” Philemon 1:6 NKJV
- ☑ **If you have anything good, it’s from God!**
- ☑ “**Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,** and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” James 1:17

- ☑ “*But he **who does wrong will be repaid** for what he has done, and **there is no partiality.**” Colossians 3:25 NKJV*
- ☑ **God is not prejudice...**
- ☑ He sees all of mankind through one filter: Christ!

NEXT TEACHING

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