

Colossians: Holy Submission  
Colossians 3:18-4:1  
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BEING IN CHRIST CHANGES OUR MARRIAGES, FAMILIES, AND WORK BY CHANGING OUR MOTIVES.

1. CHANGED MARRIAGES (vs. 18, 19)
2. CHANGED FAMILIES (vs. 20, 21)
3. CHANGED WORK (vs. 22-25)

MEMORY VERSE: Colossians 3:23  
READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Colossians 4:2-18

#### DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read Colossians 3:18-4:1 and review the preceding verses and identify the main theme.
2. What does it look like for a person to voluntarily submit themselves to Christ?
3. What does it look like for a wife to voluntarily submit themselves to her husband?
4. Why would she do that?
5. Read Ephesians 5:25. How does Jesus love the church and how does that translate for a husband?
6. How could a husband overcome a harsh (embittered/resentful) attitude towards his wife?
7. Compare vs. 20 with Exodus 20:12. What's the difference between honoring your parents and obeying them?
8. How does vs. 3:22-4:1 change the way people would look at slavery?
9. What is the motive for a slave to obey their master?
10. What is the difference between masters treating their slaves with kindness vs. "right and fair"?
11. Who do both slave and master have to answer to?
12. How does reverence for the Lord affect your work ethic?
13. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?