



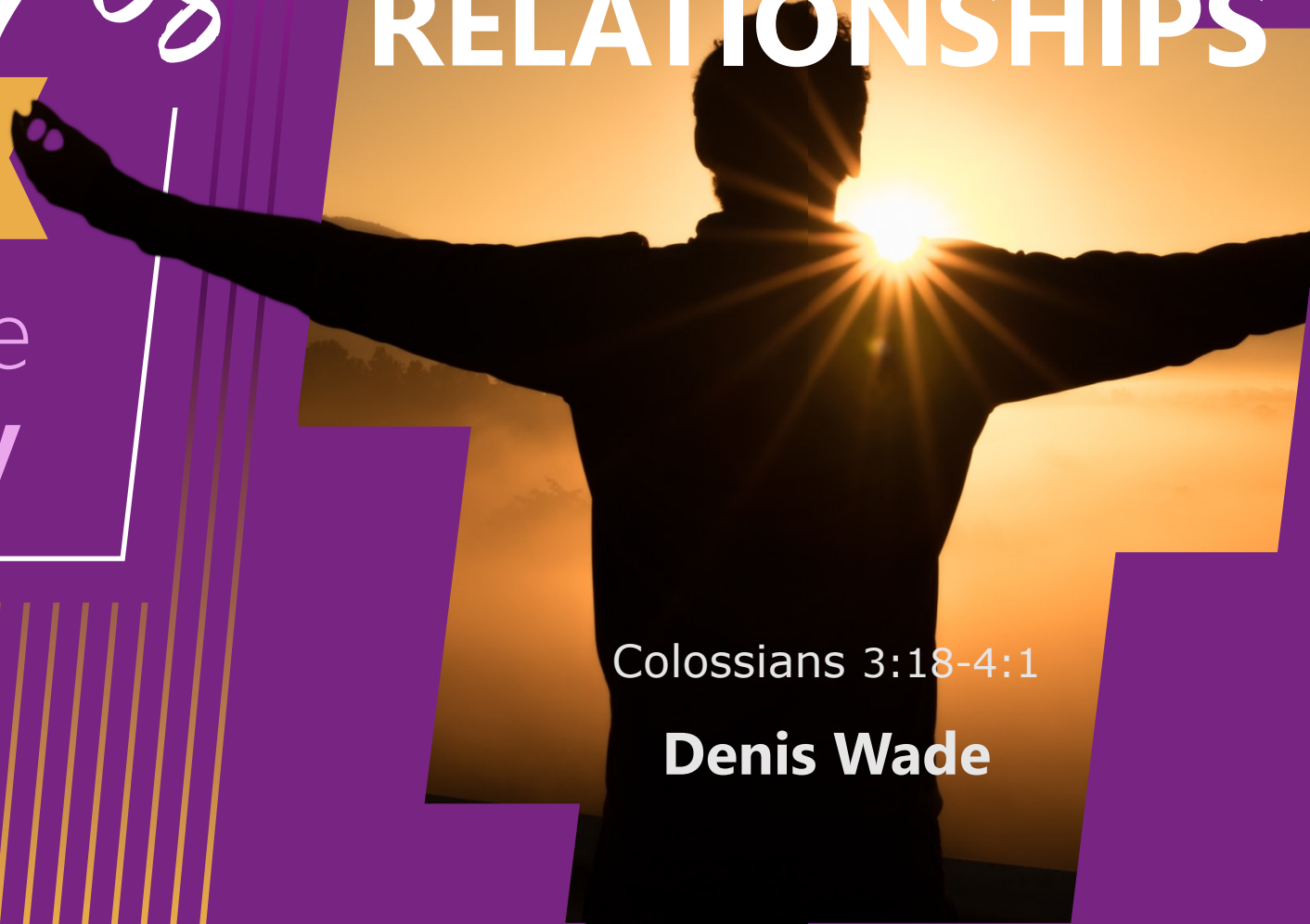
Colossians

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hope and glory



MANAGING OUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS



Colossians 3:18-4:1

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Colossians 3:18-4:1 NLT

Paul speaks directly to three groups:

1. Wives and Husbands
2. Children and Parents
3. Servants and Masters

➤ Notice the priority of order – First what we might see as the weaker, then what we might see as the stronger.

Colossians 3:18-4:1 NLT

Why this important admonition?

1. Families make up society
2. The health of the family is the health of society
3. Our working lives consume a large portion of our lives

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

Instructions To Wives - Colossians 3:18 – 25 & 4: 1

¹⁸ Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honour the Master. NLT

¹⁸ Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honour the Master. MSG

¹⁸ Wives, be ^[e]subject to your husbands [out of respect for their position as protector, and their accountability to God], as is proper *and* ^[f]fitting in the Lord. AMP

Colossians 3:18-4:1 NLT

Wives:

Understand and supporting your husband by submitting to them in ways that honour the Lord. (MSG) equality,

Submission doesn't diminish nor does it mar the dignity of what it is to be a woman. **Submission must be voluntary, off ones own free well!**

Jesus came into this world to submit to the will of God and in doing that, did not surrender or lose his equality with God.

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

Instructions To Husbands - Colossians 3:18 – 25 & 4: 1

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. NLT

¹⁹ Husbands, go all out in love for your wives. Don't take advantage of them. MSG

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives [with an affectionate, sympathetic, selfless love that always seeks the best for them] and do not be embittered *or* resentful toward them [because of the responsibilities of marriage]. AMP

Colossians 3:18-4:1 NLT

Husbands:

¹⁹ Husbands, go all out in love for your wives. Don't take advantage of them. (MSG)

Let love be the driving factor and motivator in your relationship.
Not Power, or ego.

Jesus humbled and emptied himself and husbands must be willing to humble and empty themselves for the sake of their wives.

Colossians 3:18-4:1 NLT

ITS AMAZING THAT JESUS IS AN EXAMPLE TO BOTH WIVES AND HUSBANDS.

1. **Example to wives:** Jesus willingly submitted himself to the father's will.
2. **Examples to husbands:** Jesus loved the church and laid down his life for her.
3. **God is perfect but we are flawed** – Both Wives and Husbands have their shortcomings

Instructions To Children - Colossians 3:18 – 25 & 4: 1

²⁰ Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. NLT

²⁰ Children, do what your parents tell you. This delights the Master no end. MSG

²⁰ Children, obey your parents [as God's representatives] in all things, for this [attitude of respect and obedience] is well-pleasing ^[a]to the Lord [and will bring you God's promised blessings]. AMP

Colossians 3:18-4:1 NLT

Children:

²⁰ Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.

- Living obediently prepares children for everyday life in the future.
- Paul is referring to minors.

Eph 6:1-3

³ If you honour your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."

Instructions To Parents - Colossians 3:18 – 25 & 4: 1

²¹ Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged. NLT

²¹ Parents, don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits. MSG

²¹ Fathers, do not provoke or irritate or exasperate your children [with demands that are trivial or unreasonable or humiliating or abusive; nor by favouritism or indifference; treat them tenderly with lovingkindness], so they will not lose heart *and* become discouraged or unmotivated [with their spirits broken]. AMP

Instructions To Workers - Colossians 3:18 – 25 & 4: 1

22 - 25 Servants, do what you're told by your earthly masters. And don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being a follower of Jesus doesn't cover up bad work. MSG

Instructions To Workers - Colossians 3:18 – 25 & 4: 1

1. Do your best at work
2. Work from the heart as though working to glorify God
3. Remember that God is watching you
4. Remember that God will reward you

Colossians 3:18-4:1 NLT

Workers:

1. Serve as though you're serving the Lord and not man.
2. Your attitude towards your work and service is key

Colossians 3:18-4:1 NLT

Employers

1. Treat your subordinates as you wish to be treated, knowing that you also have a master to answer to.
2. Treat people fairly
3. Employers and employees both have an important role to play

Instructions To Employers - Colossians 3:18-4:1

And masters, treat your servants considerately. Be fair with them. Don't forget for a minute that you, too, serve a Master—God in heaven. 4:1 MSG

Instructions To Employers - Colossians 3:18 – 25 & 4: 1

1. Treat your worker considerately
2. Treat them fairly
3. Remember that you have a heavenly master
4. Remember that God is watching you
5. Remember that God will reward you

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, I repent of all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I believe that you raised Him from the dead. Thank you for your forgiveness, thank you for saving me and making me a member of your family. I pray this in Jesus name, AMEN!

