

# Colossians: Christian Piety Begins at Home

Colossians 3:18-21

[<sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.]

<sup>18</sup>Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

<sup>19</sup>Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

<sup>20</sup>Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

## Wives

## Husbands

## Children

*“In preference to all the other lesser stations of life, God has given special recognition to fatherhood and motherhood by commanding not merely that we should love our parents but also that we should honor them... The commandment requires not only that we address them in an affectionate and respectful manner but above all that we show by our emotional and physical behavior that we think highly of them and regard them as occupying the highest place in our lives next to God. . . . Young people must therefore have it impressed upon them that they should look up to their parents as representatives of God and bear in mind that, however humble, poor, infirm, or eccentric they may be, our father and mother are nevertheless God’s gifts to us. They are not to be robbed of their honor because of their peculiarities or failings. We are not to be influenced by their persons, whatever these may be, but rather by the will of God, who has created and ordained their parental relationship to us.” Martin Luther*

## Fathers/Parents

### Questions to Answer as You Respond to God’s Word

1. What aspects of your calling--as husband or wife, parent or child--do you find hard?
2. How can you find strength and support from God’s Word and His people? How can you help others?

Next Week: Col. 3:22-4:1 (E-mail your questions about Colossians to [christcovenantchurchbr@gmail.com](mailto:christcovenantchurchbr@gmail.com))