CHRIST OUR LIFE

Gospel at Home and Work

Colossians 3:18 – 4:1 (ESV)

Colossians 3: 18 *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. 20Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. 22Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. 25For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.*
Colossians 4:1 *Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.*

GOSPEL-CENTERED LIVING AT HOME AND AT WORK…

1. Being Conscious of the Lord's Presence and Purpose in Everything

Colossians 3:17 *And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus…*
Colossians 3:20 *Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord*
Colossians 3:22 *Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters…*
Colossians 3:23 *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men…*

2. Expressing Gratefulness to God in Every Situation

Colossians 3:17 *…do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

3. Cultivating Christ-like Submission in Every Relationship

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Colossians 3:20 *Children, obey your parents…*
Colossians 3:22 *Slaves, obey… your earthly masters…*

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Mom and Dad, tell each other one thing each day this week that you love about each other.
2. Kids, in what areas can you begin to listen to and obey your parents better this week?
3. How would the work you do look differently, be it around the house, at school or your job, if it were done heartily, as to the Lord?

BIBLE READING PLAN

- ❑ Sunday: John 4
- ❑ Monday: John 5
- ❑ Tuesday: John 6
- ❑ Wednesday: John 7
- ❑ Thursday: John 8
- ❑ Friday: John 9
- ❑ Saturday: John 10
- ❑ Sunday: John 11

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