

Crash Course for Colossians
What Do I Do With My Family?
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Colossians 3:18-4:1

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. 20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. 22 Slaves, 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. 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. 25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. 4:1 Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Discussion Questions

Has anyone ever cut in front of you in line? ...at the store, at the doctor's office, at the movies?

Did you get angry? Why?

So, what are your 'rights'?

How do you stick up for your rights?

In this passage, does Paul seem more concerned with our rights or our responsibilities?

Why does he focus on the responsibilities of each position in the household and not the rights of each position?

How would this have changed the face of the household back in Paul's time?

How would this change the face of homes today?

Is there anything in this list of responsibilities that you feel you need to work on?

How can that change how your home and your community runs?