

**Rooted in Christ**  
**12. Living for Christ at home (Colossians 3v18-21)**

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**Introduction**

- Marriage and parenting
- Two pairs of **reciprocal relationships**:

**Marriage under the Lordship of Christ (v18-19)**

- *Wives*, submit to your husbands
  - What it does mean
  - What it *doesn't* mean
- *Husbands*, love your wives
  - What it looks like (c.f. Eph. 5v25)

**Parenting under the Lordship of Christ (v20-21)**

- *Children*, obey your parents
  - What they are to do
  - Why they do it
- *Fathers*, do not embitter your children

**Conclusion**

**Bible references:** Col. 3:17, Eph. 5:25-28, Exodus 20:12, Luke 2:51, Col. 1:9-10

**Colossians 3v12-21 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <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.