

LESSON 5
AT HOME AND ON THE JOB
COLOSSIANS 3:18—4:1



1 What is your favorite family-oriented TV show? How is it similar to real life? How is it different?



Read Colossians 3:18—4:1, the chart “Rules of Submission,” and the following notes:

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2 What are Paul’s principles for building relationships?

3 Why does Paul say that a wife’s submission to her husband is “fitting for those who belong to the Lord” (3:18)?

4 How might parents aggravate their children?

5 Regardless of our occupations or working conditions, we are still working for the Lord. How can a person work for the Lord and not people?

6 What are some common misconceptions about submission in marriage? Why do people get hung up on this command?



7 How can we train our children in the Lord?

8 How should the Christian attitude toward work differ from a non-Christian attitude?

9 Why is it so difficult to put the needs of others first, even in close relationships?

Paul gives guidelines for relationships and attitudes toward family members and fellow workers. Often it's very difficult to live for Christ around our families and at work. This is where we are under the most pressure, where we spend most of our time, and where others come to know us the best (and see us at our worst). The key to being Christlike wherever we are is looking out for the other person's best interests. Let your faith make a difference where it counts—at home and on the job.



10 Describe an occasion in your marriage, home, work, or church where you chose to be submissive to someone when you didn't feel like it.

11 What might you do to be more consistently Christlike in that area?

12 How can you express appreciation to your spouse, your children, and your coworkers this week for the contribution that each makes to your life?



A Why is honoring one's parents so important that it was included as one of the Ten Commandments? What does *honoring* involve? What can you do to honor your parents more?

B What should be your attitude toward your boss or another authority over you? How might this attitude affect your work?

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