

## **RULES OF SUBMISSION** / *Colossians 3:18–4:1*

The New Testament includes many instructions concerning relationships. Most people read these instructions for the other person and ignore the ones that apply to themselves. But you can't control another person's behavior, only your own. Start by following your own instructions and not insisting on the obedience of others first.

Wives, submit to your husbands (3:18).

Husbands, love your wives and don't be harsh with them (3:19).

Children, obey your parents (3:20).

Parents, don't aggravate your children so that they become discouraged (3:21).

Slaves, obey your masters (3:22).

Masters, be just and fair to your slaves (4:1).

(Employees, work hard for your employers.)

(Employers, be just and fair with your employees.)