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Sermon Notes | Jeff Randleman | November 12, 2023

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- Colossians 3:18-19 (ESV)

Husbands and wives:

The motivation: As is fitting in the Lord.

Submission...

...is _____.

...is _____.

Love...

...is _____.

...shows _____.

Children and parents:

The motivation: Pleasing the Lord.

Children...

..._____.

Parents...

..._____.

Employer and employees:

The motivation: Fearing the Lord.

Christians should be the best employers and employees...

...because they operate with _____.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Read Colossians 3:18-4:1. This passage provides instructions for various relationships, including marriage, parenting, and work. How can you apply these principles to strengthen your relationships and make them more Christ-centered?
2. In verses 18-19, Paul addresses the roles of wives and husbands. How can these verses guide a healthy and balanced partnership in a marriage, emphasizing love and respect? Examine this from both perspectives.
3. Verses 20-21 speak to the relationship between parents and children. What can parents and children learn from these verses about their responsibilities and attitudes towards one another?
4. How can the principles in verses 22-25 shape the way you approach your work or studies? In what ways can you serve as if you are serving the Lord in your daily tasks?
5. Reflect on Colossians 4:1, which discusses the relationship between masters and their servants. How can you apply these principles to your role as an employer or employee, promoting fairness, respect, and justice in the workplace?
6. Now draw your focus in on the last half of verse 1. How is this the key to everything we've discussed in this entire section of Colossians?
7. Compare 4:1 with 3:23, where Paul says, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." How does this idea transform your perspective on your day-to-day life? How does it help you live daily with a sense of purpose and devotion?
8. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures: Colossians 3:18-4:1; Ephesians 5:22-33; Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 3:1-7; Hebrews 12:7-11.