### COLOSSIANS

"So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects...."

### **COLOSSIANS 3:18-21**

#### **Practical Principles**

For Walking in a Manner Worthy of the Lord, to Please Him in All respects...Col. 3:1-4:6

- 1. Heavenly Perspective, 3:1-4.
- 2. Holy Practice, 3:5-11.
- 3. Healthy Relationships, 3:12-17.
- 4. Heavenly Homes, 3:18-21.

#### IMPORTANCE OF MARRIAGE/FAMILY:

The Bible compares the relationship between husband/wife with that of Christ/The Church.

Our marriages are intended to picture and demonstrate theological truths!

#### **IMPORTANT MARRIAGE TOPICS...**

- The permanence of marriage
- Priorities in marriage
- Purity and faithfulness
- Respect
- Dealing with disagreements, conflict, and anger.
- Money & finances
- Communication
- Children

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Marriage teaches us that even the most intimate human companionship cannot satisfy the deepest places of the heart. Our hearts are lonely 'til they rest in Him.

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Loneliness

#### Personal Qualities:

- Heavenly Priorities, 3:1-2.
- Future Perspective, 3:4.
- Purity, 3:5.
- Holiness, 3:12.
- Humility, 3:12.
- Love, 3:14.
- Peace ruling in the heart, 3:15.

#### Personal Qualities:

- Gratitude, 3:15, 16, 17.
- Doing all in the Name of the Lord Jesus!, 3:17.

#### Relationship Qualities:

- No Anger and wrath, 3:8.
- Heart of compassion, 3:12.
- Kindness, 3:12.
- Gentleness, 3:12.
- Patience, 3:12.

#### **Communication Qualities:**

- No speaking to each other in anger or wrath, 3:8.
- No malice, 3:8
- No slander or abusive speech, 3:8.
- Absolute honesty...no lying!, 3:9.
- Kindness, 3:12.
- Gentleness, 3:12.
- Patience, 3:12.

Handling Disputes:

Remember all the Communication Guidelines!

- Patience, 3:12
- Bearing with one another, 3:13.
- Forgiving each other, 3:13.

#### Finances:

- "Keep seeking the things above..." 3:1
- "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on the earth," 3:2.
- "Consider your members to be dead concerning the things on the earth...evil desire and greed, which amounts to idolatry," 3:5.
- "Put on love," 3:14. (Generosity!)

#### Marital Faithfulness:

- "Consider your members to be dead concerning the things on the earth...immorality, impurity, passion..." 3:5.
- "Put on love," 3:14. (Love never fails!!)

#### **Specific Instructions:**

- "Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord." 3:18.
- "Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them." 3:19.

#### **Specific Instructions:**

- "Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord, 3:20.
- "Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart." 3:21.

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