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Resolved: Pursuing Lasting Change
Resolving to Live Under God's Plan

Colossians 3:18–4:1 (HCSB)

Wives, be submissive to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and don't be bitter toward them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so they won't become discouraged. ²² Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, in order to please men, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong he has done, and there is no favoritism. ¹ Masters, supply your slaves with what is right and fair, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven.

1. WIVES, _____ TO YOUR HUSBANDS v 18

- Understand that all submission is not created equal.
- Understand the value of _____ submission.

Ephesians 5:21 (HCSB)

...submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.

2. HUSBANDS, _____ YOUR WIVES v 19

- Husbands are to love their wives without harshness.
- Husbands are to love their wives the _____ Christ loved the church.

Ephesians 5:25 (HCSB)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her...

3. CHILDREN, _____ YOUR PARENTS v 20

- Obedience to parents promotes _____ in the household.
- Obedience to parents pleases the Lord.

4. FATHERS, DO NOT _____ YOUR CHILDREN v 21

- Fathers (parents) must not frustrate their children with unreasonable demands.
- Fathers (parents) must be _____ with the boundaries so children learn how to succeed.

5. SLAVES, _____ YOUR MASTERS v 22

- In Christ all are _____.

Colossians 3:11 (HCSB)

In Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all.

- The Bible does not endorse slavery, it deals with it as a cultural norm.
- It does not violate the _____ of the passage to deal with this verse and others as employee/employer behaviors.

6. MASTERS, _____ YOUR SLAVES RIGHT AND FAIR v 1

- Those in authority are to treat those under their authority by doing what is _____ by them.
- Those in authority are to treat those under their authority with fairness.

7. DEDICATE YOUR _____ TO THE LORD vv 23-25

- Whatever we do in our relationships, we do it as if we were doing it for the Lord.
- We can expect to be _____ with what we do as unto the Lord, punished when we don't.

The Next Step: Resolve to honor God in all your relationships.