

CHRISTIANITY IN A NUTSHELL

Lesson 9: Family Matters Colossians 3:18-4:1

Introduction:

We live in a culture bent toward revolutionizing the “traditional,” which usually means abandoning the old structures and norms for a new and different method. There is probably no better example of this than in our homes. However, the biblical instruction provided in our passage this morning, as well as others, is grounded in God’s design and provides visible evidence of each family member’s submission to the role of Christ. This morning we discover God’s design for our closest relationships.

I. Relationships I _____ the Home (vv. 18-21)

“Wives, in the same way, submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, even if some disobey the Christian message, they may be won over without a message by the way their wives live, ²when they observe your pure, reverent lives. 1 Peter 3:1-2

“But a married man is concerned about the things of the world—how he may please his wife...” 1 Corinthians 7:33

“My son, keep your father’s command,
and don’t reject your mother’s teaching.” Proverbs 6:20

“And fathers, don’t stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

“Teach a youth about the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

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II. Relationships O_____ the Home (vv. 22-4:1)

“Slaves are to be submissive to their masters in everything, and to be well-pleasing, not talking back ¹⁰or stealing, but demonstrating utter faithfulness, so that they may adorn the teaching of God our Savior in everything.” Titus 2:9-10

“Household slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the cruel.” 1 Peter 2:18

