

Colossians 3:18-21

One Point: Live out your obedience to God through your family.

1. Tell a story of when your parents caught you doing something that made you look stupid.
 2. How can your family affect your faith?
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Read v. 18

1. How would you define the word “mutual?”
 2. How do you “submit” to someone? (Ephesians 5:24)
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Read v. 19

1. Think of a married couple you respect. How does the husband show his love for his wife?
 2. Who in your family has loved you the most? How have they shown it? How have you shown that love to someone else?
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Read v. 20-21

1. What does it look like to “obey your parents?”
 2. What does it feel like to be discouraged? How can we avoid discouraging others?
 3. What is a practical step you can take this week to live out your obedience to God through your family?
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What I will be talking about

A lot of times, we overlook the importance of family. We take for granted the support, provision, and comfort of our family. I have often found myself in this position, not realizing the value of a solid Christian family and the foundation it provides, and sometimes even desiring to distance myself from my family. When we have this sort of attitude towards our family, we are actually disobeying God. Paul, when speaking about rulers in the church in 1 Timothy 3, says “If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?” (v.6). Even for someone who isn’t a leader, this is important. So if we disobey God when we don’t manage our family life correctly, how do we live out our obedience to God in our family lives?

Paul shows how we can be obedient to God in our family life in this section of Colossians. Here, Paul reminds the church of Colossae of the importance of the correct management of a Christian family. Paul does not go into as much depth about the proper management as he does in the book of Ephesians, but clearly he feels that its necessary to give the Colossians a friendly reminder. He gives them four main points about the proper structure of a Christian household; wives submitting to their husbands, husbands loving their wives, children obeying their parents, and parents not embittering their children.



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