

## “How Our Heavenly Sights Affect our Earthly Relationships” 2/08/09

### Colossians 3:17-4:1

#### Studies in Colossians- “The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus the Messiah”

Jesus is the Supreme: Creator (1:16-17); King (1:13); Savior/Redeemer (1:14); Image of God (1:16); Sustainer of all things (1:17); Head of the church (1:18); Firstborn of the Resurrection (1:18); Reconciler (1:20); Sanctifier (1:22); Hope (1:27); Power (1:29); Ruler over heavenly host (2:10); Possessor of all wisdom and knowledge (2:3); Deity (2:9); Victor (2:14-15); Fulfillment of God’s Word (2:16-17); Teacher (3:16); Rewarder (3:24); Master (4:1) and sits at right hand of God in no greater position (2:3).

**HE is in us, We are in Him**      **"And you are complete in Him"** (Col 2:10; 3:2)

**We don't need legalism, mysticism, asceticism because He is Savior, Sovereign, and Sufficient!**

**POINT 1-** Setting our sights on the Lord should impact our RELATIONSHIPS

*"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus"* (Col 3:17)

Barna- “We rarely find substantial differences between the moral behavior of believers/unbelievers.”

A. As we live for the Lord Jesus, this should impact WIVES  
(Gal 3:28; Eph 5:22- “in everything”; 1 Pet 3:1-6; Tit 2:4-5- blasphemed)

B. As we live for the Lord Jesus, this should impact HUSBANDS  
(Eph 5:25-33; 1 Peter 3:7)

*"Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."* (Eph 5:33)

C. As we live for the Lord Jesus, this should impact CHILDREN  
(Ex 20:12; Deut 21:18-19; 27:16; Matt 19:19; Eph 6:1-3)

*Overprotection; favoritism; belittling; unrealistic goals; lack of affection; lack of standards; criticism; neglect*

D. As we live for the Lord Jesus, this should impact PARENTS  
(Prov 13:24; 19:18; 22:6, 15; 23:13; 29:15-17; Deut 6:4-7; Eph 6:4)

*"And you, parents, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."* (Eph 6:4) **Sarah example**

E. As we live for the Lord Jesus, this should impact EMPLOYEES  
(Eph 6:5; 1 Tim 6:1-2; Tit 2:9-10; 1 Pet 2:18-21; Gal 1:10; 1 Thess 2:4)

*"Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh."* (1Pe 2:18)

F. As we live for the Lord Jesus, this should impact EMPLOYERS  
(Gal 3:28; Matt 23:7-9; Eph 6:9-11; James 5:4; 1 Cor 10:31)

**Going Deeper**      *God wants you to implement substantial differences in how you live for Him in your relationships!*

"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup> Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything." **(Eph 5:22-24)**

"Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel-- <sup>4</sup> rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup> For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror." **(1Pe 3:1-6)**

"the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- <sup>4</sup> that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> *to be* discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed." **(Tit 2:3-5)**

"Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered." **(1Pet 3:7)**

Examples of how not to live with your wife in an understanding way:

- 1) Treating your wife as a pack mule - you can carry the whole load - throwing every responsibility on your wife until she collapses (or a work horse)
- 2) Treating your wife as a donkey - unintelligent fool that doesn't know anything
- 3) Treating your wife as a mouse - Squelching her personality; being overbearing; allowing her just to squeek a little once in awhile - but not helping her to grow into the person God intended for her to be
- 4) Treating your wife as a lion = king of the jungle; bowing to every demand; abdicating our leadership in the home and allowing her to take over and rule the roost; some husbands are completely dominated by their wife; they live as a mouse in their home
- 5) Treating your wife as a golden retriever (get this for me; do this for me;...) rather than as a helpmeet provided by God; wife not intended to be your slave
- 6) Treating your wife as just one of the worker bees rather than as the queen bee: one of the masses; vs. That very special and unique one

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"He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly."  
(Pro 13:24)

"Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction"  
(Pro 19:18)

"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."  
(Pro 22:6)

"Foolishness *is* bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him." (Pro 22:15)

"Do not withhold correction from a child, For *if* you beat him with a rod, he will not die."  
(Pro 23:13)