

Complete In Christ

A study in the book of Colossians

Lesson Seven “As Unto The Lord”

If we really did everything as unto the Lord, I wonder how different our lives would be. Think how different the atmosphere in our homes might be. How much less reluctant would we be to submit to one another? How much more unconditionally would we love? What about our job performance? Would we give a better quality of service to our clients, our customers, our co-workers? Would we give a better quality of **time** to our boss?

There may be areas in our lives where we feel we are already whole-heartedly serving, but we all have areas where that **wholehearted** service is probably **not** being performed.....and probably isn't being done “as unto the Lord.” There is an old familiar song that goes:

“Make me like You, Lord, make me like You,
You are a servant, make me one too.
Lord, I am willing, do what You must do,
To make me like You, Lord, make me like You.”

As we go through this lesson, we need to ask ourselves just **how willing are we** to be conformed to Christ in **servanthood**? Are we willing enough to allow Him to do whatever it is He must do to make us into His image? And as His representatives on earth, are we reflecting Jesus in our homes, on our jobs, and in our communities?

Read Colossians 3:18-25

Verse 18 states, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

- 1) If this verse makes you squirm a little, you aren't alone. Look up the word **submit**. What does this mean? Write down the definition and then share how you believe this should be applied.

- 2) **Why** are we to submit to our husbands? (Read Genesis 3:16 and Ephesians 5:23)

a. **How** are we to submit to our husbands? (Read Ephesians 5:22 & 23; Colossians 3:18b and Titus 2:4)

b. **When** are we to submit to our husbands? (Read Ephesians 5:24; 1 Peter 3:1 & 2).

c. What is submission to our husbands a reflection of to the world?

“Husbands, love your wives.....” (Verse 19)

3) **Why** are husbands commanded to love their wives? (Read Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:28b & 29a; 1 Peter 3:7b)

b. **How** are husbands to love their wives? (Read Ephesians 5:25; Ephesians 5:28a & 33a; 1 Peter 3:7)

c. What is a husband who is Scripturally loving his wife a reflection of to the world?

d. What is the warning Paul gives to husbands in their relationship with their wives? Why does he give it? (Ephesians 5:29)

“Children obey your parents....” (Verse 20a)

- 4) What is the main reason that children are to obey their parents? (See verse 20b)
 - a. List some of the other reasons given in the following verses: Deuteronomy 5:15; Proverbs 15:5; Ephesians 6:1-3; 1 Timothy 5:4

 - b. Read Hebrews 12:5-10. What insights do you glean from these verses on why it is so important for children to learn obedience to their parents?

- 5) Look up these verses and list what some of the roles and duties are of a father: Proverbs 3:12; Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 22:6; Luke 11:11-13; Ephesians 6:4b.

- 6) What are the roles of duties of mothers to their children in looking at these verses? Proverbs 6:20; Proverbs 31:1; 31:15 & 27; Isaiah 66:13; 1 Timothy 5:14.

We're all aware of how closely the world watches us when we associate ourselves with Christ. We've probably all heard the saying that we may be the only Bible someone ever reads. Are our lives reflecting an accurate image of Christ? As people read the Bible of our lives, do they see the Truth written there? This is something for all of us to reflect on and to ask the Lord to show us what areas of our life need His Spirit to correct so that we can be the Lord's Truth Bearers.

16) What ministered to your heart most as you went through Lesson 7?

“The life hid with God is a hidden life as to it's source, but it must not be hidden as to it's practical results. People must see that we walk as Christ walked if we say that we are abiding in Him. We must prove that we 'possess' that which we profess.”

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