

# COLOSSIANS

WEEK 7 - COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

**18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.**

**19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.**

**20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

**21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.**

**22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.**

**1 Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.**

1) In the first century, one person was typically the husband, father, and slave master in a household. How does this change the meaning of this passage, if at all?

2) Some critics use this passage (and others) to claim that Christianity promoted slavery. Is this passage promoting slavery? If not, why?

3) Who are the people God has put into your care? Who are the people who have authority over you? How do you honor and respect each of them?

4) Do you see yourself as a slave to God (verse 1)? Is there any area of your life where you need to give God control?