

Connect

What is one thing that brings you joy in your daily life at home?

Verses - Colossians 3:18-4:1 NKJV

Read aloud:

18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. 20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. 22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality. 4:1 Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?

Study

Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses:

1. What does it mean for wives to submit to their husbands (v.18)? Why would Paul connect submission to the Lord here?

2. How does Paul instruct husbands to love their wives (v.19)? What does this kind of love look like?

3. How do the instructions to servants and masters connect to the overall theme of the passage and even beyond?

4. What were the warnings instructed by Paul not to do? Why do they have to do with our standing before God and towards each other?

Share

1. Pastor Jesse's message emphasized the difference between obeying rules and living in the Spirit. How can we ensure that our actions are motivated by love and not just duty?

2. How do you think applying the principles in this passage could lead to greater flourishing in your relationships and daily life?

Discuss this from this week's message:
In the message, Pastor Jesse talked about the difference between cyborgs and androids. This highlighted the importance of living in the Spirit and not just following a "code." How can we cultivate genuine worship towards God and love in our relationships with others? How could it change the world? (John 13:35)

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.

Magnify

Based on today's lesson, share and/or in prayer and reflection:

- What might you be able to confess?
- What can you praise God about who He is?
- What can you thank Him for?
- How can you serve Him better?