

Questions for Consideration—With the Master and Nothing Else—Lesson 18—Colossians 3:19-21—Virtuous Living in the Home

1. (a) Read Colossians 3:19-21, Ephesians 5:25-33 and 1 Peter 3:7. How are husbands to love their wives, according to these passages? (b) What do these verses tell you about why husbands are to love their wives?

2. Memorize Colossians 3:21.

3. (a) Read Luke 2:41-52. In this passage, who was subject to His parents? (b) How could you use this passage to teach a child the importance of obeying their parents?

4. (a) According to the following Proverbs, why is it essential that children be obedient to their parents? Proverbs 1:8-9; 4:1-4; 6:20-23; 22:15; 23:13-14; 23:24; 29:15; 30:17.

5. (a) What was the Lord's attitude toward children? See Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; and Luke 18:15-17. (b) What did Jesus say would happen to one who offends a child, according to Matthew 18:1-6? (c) How is it possible to have Christ's attitude toward children and also discipline them as His Word commands?

6. (a) When you read the commands in Colossians 3:18-21 what families or individuals in Scripture come to mind as good role models for us to follow? (Example: Hosea's love for his adulterous wife—Hosea 3:1-3) (b) What examples come to mind as bad role models? (Example: Absalom's rebellion against his father David—2 Samuel 15) (c) What can you learn from these examples?

7. (a) Why do you think husbands are commanded to not be bitter (KJV) toward their wives? (b) What are some ways wives provoke their husbands?

8. (a) How have you trained, or did you train your children to obey you? (b) Share some things you have learned about obedience and discipline that will be of help to others.

9. Has God spoken to you through this lesson? How can we pray for you? Write your prayer request down to share with others.