

A Study Guide to Colossians 3:18-4:1 (Session 10)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit.

2. Read Colossians 3:18-4:1 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe.

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. Read the parallel household code in Ephesians 5:21-6:9. Note the similarities and differences between the two.

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube.

5. Interpret / Live out the Word.

1. How is responsibility related to authority? Is it possible to fulfill one's responsibility without being granted the corresponding measure of authority?
2. How can we ensure that we exercise our authority according to biblical principles, i.e., for the sake of Christ and others?
3. The parallel passage in Ephesians 5:21f begins with the command, "Submit to one another out of reference for Christ." How does mutual submission transform the way we exercise authority?
4. (For wives only) What might submission to your husband look like? Give concrete examples.
5. (For husbands only) What might loving your wife as Christ loved the Church look like? Give concrete examples.
6. How can we teach our children to walk in the way of the Lord without embittering or discouraging them (3:21)?
7. How would you apply the commands in 3:22-4:1 to the relationship between employers and employees in today's work environment?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation).

(Colossians 3:23 NIV)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,