

## **Good Answers to Life's Questions**

Series – Memory Verses:

### **Colossians 2.6-7**

- <sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,<sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

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# GATLQ Lesson 6:


## *short lesson, big lesson*

Text: **Colossians 3.18-24**

1. *Marriage* in a nutshell
2. *Parenting* in a nutshell
3. *Who* do you *work* for?

## ▸ A little review from last week:

- 3.1. Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.




- <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

And now Today's Text:  
**Colossians 3.18-24**

- <sup>18</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
- <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.




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- <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.
  - <sup>22</sup> 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.



- <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.





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- It is the Lord Christ you are serving. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.

▸ Last weeks lesson: the **Context**

- 3.1. Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts** on things above, where Christ is
- **clothe yourselves** with compassion, kindness, humility, **gentleness** and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive . . .
- Forgive as **the Lord forgave you.**

## ▶ 1. Marriage in a nutshell

- 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.

## Submit? Are you kidding?

- the Greek term *hypotassesthe*:
- the word means a voluntary attitude of cooperating, assuming responsibility, and obedience.
  - <https://www.bibleref.com/Colossians/3/Colossians-3-18.html>

▶ Bigger Principle: Ephesians 5.21:

- *Submit to one another* out of reverence for ***Christ.***

▸ Men – are you listening?

- 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.
- To love = sacrifice
- Not be harsh? = gentle
- Practicing just those 2 things can change a marriage!



## ▸ 2. Parenting in a nutshell

- <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.
- Children – *be like Jesus:*
- Moreover, the one who sent me is with me. He has never left me alone, because I always do what *pleases him.*“ John 8.29, NIV

▸ So, the big question actually is:

- What are the *responsibilities* of each member of the family according to Paul?
- Here the *roles are defined*
- A longer explanation?
- <https://bible.org/seriespage/14-god-s-design-family-colossians-318-21>

## Wanna be a better Dad?

- 21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.
- Amplified:
- Fathers, do not provoke or irritate or fret your children [do not be hard on them or harass them], lest they become discouraged and sullen and morose and feel inferior and frustrated. [Do not break their spirit.]

### 3. Who do you work for?

- <sup>22</sup> 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.
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## Life principle:

- <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.
- work at it with *all your heart*
- as working *for the Lord*



What if biblical speech was our consistent practice?

- <sup>29</sup> Do not let any *unwholesome talk* come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for *building others up* according to their needs, that it may *benefit* those who listen.
  - Ephesians 4