



"In the beginning, God made man in His image, and man has been trying to return the favor ever since." (Voltaire)

"Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is not hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, you will also appear with Him in glory."

Colossians 3:1-4

"Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed...anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language...and do not lie."

"Clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Bearing with one another, forgiving one another, and putting on love.

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children..."

What is the chief end of man?
To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

*"There is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."
Colossians 3:11*

Those In Authority

“I have nothing to gain by subjecting you to my will. I already have everything in Christ.”

Those under Authority

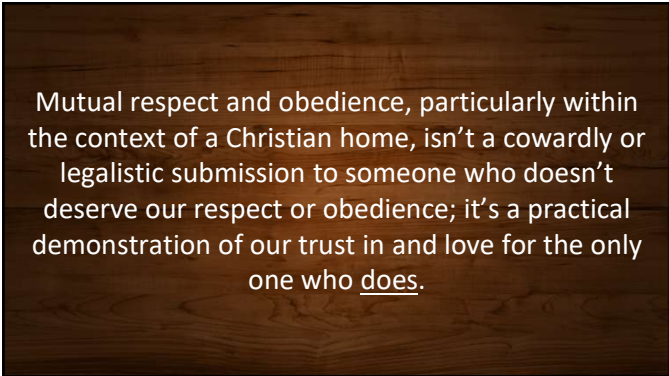
“My reward will not come from you, and it will not come by disobeying you. It will come when Christ appears in Glory.”

Everyone

“Ultimately, we are all under the authority of God. He is not only the highest authority, He is a good God, a generous master, a loving Father, an obedient son, a selfless bridegroom, and a faithful servant. He is worth the wait.”



RELATIONSHIPS GLORIFYING THE LORD



Mutual respect and obedience, particularly within the context of a Christian home, isn't a cowardly or legalistic submission to someone who doesn't deserve our respect or obedience; it's a practical demonstration of our trust in and love for the only one who does.

“Paul gives directions to wives and husbands, children and fathers, slaves and masters. All are servants of Christ and must live as such, but that does not obliterate relationships in society. Our positions differ, and while a common obligation to live out the faith rests on all of us, the precise form that takes differs according to our circumstances.”

- D.A. Carson -

“Whatever you do, work at it with your heart, as working for the Lord not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance as a request. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”


Colossians 3:23-24

SUBMISSION FITTING IN THE LORD

*"He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our inequities."
Psalm 103:10*

"Why is it that God hath not dealt with us after our sins?" Asks Sir Richard Baker, "Is it not because he hath dealt with another after our sins? Another who took our sins upon him, of whom it is said that God chastened him in his fierce wrath? And why did he chasten him, but for our sins?"
- Sir Richard Baker -

*"The Lord is near the brokenhearted; He saves the contrite in spirit."
Psalm 34:18*



"In a marriage, you have two people, and if they aren't both seeking, first and foremost, the best for the other person...well...it isn't going to work."

Alistair Begg

OBEDIENCE PLEASING THE LORD

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not exasperate your children, or they will become discouraged."

Col 3:20-21

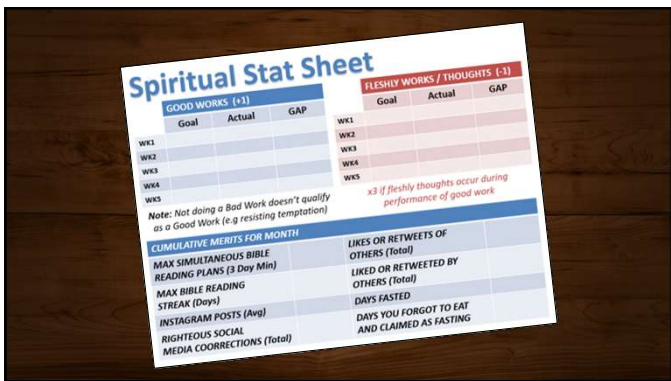
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“A guilty conscience is the seasoning of life.”
- Paul Tournier (“Guilt and Grace: A Psychological Study”) -

“How could you be so foolish?”
“I expected better from you.”
“Whose child are you?!”
“When are you going to get your act together?”

*"But God who is rich in mercy made us alive in Christ, even when we were dead in our transgressions."
Ephesians 2:4*

When we approach these verses, if we're halfway honest with ourselves, we'll become acutely aware of our failure and that we desperately need God's rescue and help.



"In most cases with us, the peril is that the child will throw off parental control and obedience to God at the same time."

- A.T. Robertson -

"In God's sight, children and parents have equal worth, and parents are to treat their children with respect as persons."

- Richard Melick Jr. -

"Though it was the Father's will to crush him and cause Him to suffer...though the Lord made His life an offering for sin, after He suffered, He saw the light of life and was satisfied...He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors."

Isaiah 53:10-12

Families are deteriorating, children are anxious, parental relationships are strained, people are dissatisfied...nobody's happy with it.

Paul's teaching is countercultural to our current cultural moment because **this** is how things are supposed to be.
