



## **Relationships That Glorify God: Part 2**

*Colossians 3:18-25*

*Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. (ESV)*

### **1. WHAT EVERY PARENT WISHES THEIR KIDS KNEW ABOUT THEM**

- (1) Parents are not professionals.
- (2) Obedience now will help you avoid pain in the future.
- (3) "No" means there is a better "yes" in the future.
- (4) I am accountable to God for raising you in His way.

### **2. WHAT EVERY KID WISHES THEIR PARENTS KNEW ABOUT THEM**

*Ephesians 6:4*

#### **1. Listen without judging**

Parental communication blunders:

Exaggeration, Martyr complex, Comparison, Prophecy

- (2) Praise has much better results than criticism
- (3) Sometimes kids don't like themselves, and we don't hate our parents.
- (4) Kids might not like rules, but we know we need some limits.

*Sources: Dyches, Colossians- Life Overflowing; Anderson, Breaking Free; Schuitz, Kingdom Education.*