

Work and Home Relationships

Colossians 3:18-4:1

The Christian should honor the Lord at home and at work.

A. Relationships at Home (3:18-21)

1. Wives - Submit to own husbands (3:18)

“Submit” = “Rank under” but not inferior

1 Corinthians 11:3, Ephesians 5:22

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2. Husbands (3:19) – Ephesians 5:23-25

a. Love their wives

Selflessly and sacrificially set the environment

- 1). Sanctify the marriage (by the right standard)**
- 2). Cleanse the marriage (by the Word of God)**
- 3). Present the marriage (without blemish)**

b. Be not bitter against them - How not to be bitter

- 1). Cooperate - Not compete**
- 2). Communicate - Not cut off**
- 3). Forgive *and* forget**

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A. Relationships at Home (3:18-21) - continued

3. Fathers and children (3:20-21)

a. Biblical admonitions to children to obey

Proverbs 13:1, Romans 1:30, 2 Timothy 3:2

b. Father's responsibility is to nurture an environment for obedience

Proverbs 22: 6, Ephesians 6:4

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B. Relationships at Work (3:22-4:1)

Ephesians 6:5-8, 1 Timothy 6:1, Titus 2:9

1. Employee to employer (3:22-24)

a. Loyalty (3:22a)

b. Consistent effort (3:22b)

c. Reverence for God (3:22c)

d. Enthusiasm (3:23a)

e. Devotion to the Lord (3:23b)

f. Confidence in the Lord's fairness (3:24)

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B. Relationships at Work (3:22-4:1) - continued

2. Employer to employee (4:1)

Ephesians 6:9

A role model of:

- a. Integrity**
- b. Tolerance**
- c. Fairness**
- d. Productivity**

**YOUR RELATIONSHIPS
WITH OTHERS
ARE
REFLECTIONS OF
YOUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH CHRIST**

The Believer's Prayer Life

Colossians 4:2-4

Prayer fuels an effective Christian life

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- 2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;**
- 3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:**
- 4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.**

I. Continue In Prayer (4:2a)

A. Give constant attention to prayer

Acts 2:42

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

1. When hope is not seen

Luke 18:1

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

I. Continue In Prayer (4:2a)

A. Give constant attention to prayer - continued

2. In all circumstances

Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

3. In the Spirit

Ephesians 6:18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

I. Continue In Prayer (4:2a)

A. Give constant attention to prayer - continued

4. Without intermission

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

I. Continue In Prayer (4:2a)

- B. Two reasons to pray regardless of circumstances**
 - 1. To not develop a false sense of security when things are going well**
 - 2. To not doubt or get depressed when things are not going well**

II. Watch (Be Alert) In Prayer (4:2b)

A. To not enter into temptation

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

B. To see the enemy

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

II. Watch (Be Alert) In Prayer (4:2b)

C. To complete the work

Nehemiah 4:6-9

6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it.

9 Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

III. Be Thankful In Prayer (4:2c)

A. Paul's circumstances

B. Paul's outlook - Be thankful

1. For faithful people

Romans 1:8

**First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all,
that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.**

2. For God's grace

1 Corinthians 1:4

**I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of
God which is given you by Jesus Christ;**

III. Be Thankful In Prayer (4:2c)

B. Paul's outlook - Be thankful - continued

3. For loving people

Ephesians 1:15-16

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

4. For memorable relationships

Philippians 1:3

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,

III. Be Thankful In Prayer (4:2c)

B. Paul's outlook - Be thankful - continued

5. For God

Colossians 1:3

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

John 14:13-14

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

IV. Be Specific In Prayer (4:3-4)

A. Paul's threefold request

- 1. For opportunity**
- 2. To share the gospel**
- 3. To fulfill his purpose**

Philippians 4:6

**Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be
made known unto God.**

WILL WE PRAY?