

“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” - 1 Cor 15:58

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“The Christian Home”

In *Colossians 3:18-21*, the Bible reads, *“Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, & 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.”*

A manufacturer of a product ought to know best how to make his product perform. If the instructions say: “Press button ‘A’ before pressing button ‘B,’” there has to be a reason for the procedure. The order is bound to be important. We can have little cause for complaint if we ignore his instructions & do as we please. If his product refuses to function correctly, then we can only blame ourselves for as long as we are ignoring the instructions.

Now marriage was God's invention. His instructions for its proper performance are found in His Word. We had best take heed if marriage is to work smoothly & well. Hear the word of the Lord!

Wives: Be Respectful (Colossians 3:18)

“Submit,” if you want...

- A healthy marriage.
- A happy marriage.
- A holy marriage.

Husbands: Be Regardful (Colossians 3:19)

“Love,” if you want God's best.

- Be the sovereign in your home.
- Be the sweetheart in your home.

Children: Be Reliable (Colossians 3:20)

“Obey”.

- The extent of this obedience is in all things.
- The example of this obedience is Jesus (*Luke 2:51*).
- The excellence of this obedience is that this pleases the Lord!

Fathers: Be Reasonable (Colossians 3:21)

“Do not provoke”. Pay attention to...

- The way you demand obedience.
- Why you demand obedience.
- When you demand obedience.

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