

Ephesians 6:9 “And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him.

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. A healthy marriage has Christ as the foundation of it.

I Corinthians 3:11 “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

B. A healthy marriage reflects the love of Christ.

1. Love your wife unconditionally.

Ephesians 5:25a “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church”

2. Love your wife sacrificially.

Ephesians 5:25b “.... and gave himself up for her.”

3. Love your wife purposely.

Ephesians 5:26 “To make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.^[27] And to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish.”

4. Love your wife passionately.

Ephesians 5:28 “In this same way, husband’s ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.^[29] After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church.”

5. Love your wife continually.

I Corinthians 13:7 “Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.^[8] Love never fails”

C. A healthy marriage requires God’s strength and 100% effort from the husband and wife.

Philippians 4:13 “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”

Our Relationships Should Honor God!

Colossians 3:18-25

Lesson #14

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I. There are keys to a healthy marriage.

A. Submission is important in a marriage relationship.

****Colossians 3:18** “Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

Ephesians 5:22 “Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.”

Titus 2:5 “To be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the Word of God.”

I Peter 3:1 “Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.”

Ephesians 5:21 “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

B. Leadership is important in a marriage relationship.

Ephesians 5:23 “For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which He is the Savior.”

Genesis 3:16 “To the woman He said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

C. Love is important in a marriage relationship.

****Colossians 3:19a** “Husbands, love your wives”

Ephesians 5:24 “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”

Ephesians 5:26 “... husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.”

Titus 2:4 “Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children.”

****Colossians 3:19b** “... and do not be harsh with them.”

D. Respect is important in a marriage relationship.

1 Peter 3:7 “Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life so that nothing will hinder our prayers.”

Romans 12:10 “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

1 Peter 2:17a “Show proper respect to everyone”

Ephesians 5:33 “However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

II. The keys needed for a healthy parental relationship.

A. There are responsibilities for children to fulfill.

Luke 2:51 “Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But His mother treasured all these things in her heart.”

****Colossians 3:20** “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:1 “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Ephesians 6:2 “Honor your father and mother” – which is the first commandment with a promise – ^[3] That it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

Proverbs 6:20 “My son, keep your father’s commands and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.”

2 Timothy 3:1 “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ^[2] People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy.”

2 Timothy 3:3 “Without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ^[4] treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God – ^[5] having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.”

Acts 4:19 “But Peter and John replied, “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God’s sight to obey you rather than God. ^[20] For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

B. There are reminders for parents to avoid.

****Colossians 3:21** “Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.”

Ephesians 6:4 “Fathers do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”

III. The keys needed for a healthy work relationship.

A. Do your job.

Colossians 3:22a “Slaves obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it,”

Ephesians 6:5 “Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.”

B. Do your job when no one is looking.

Colossians 3:22b “... not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor”

C. Do your job with all your heart and for the Lord.

Colossians 3:22c “... but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.”

Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

Ephesians 6:6 “Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.”

D. Don’t forget God will reward you for obedience.

Colossians 3:24 “Since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Colossians 3:25 “Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.”

Ephesians 6:8 “Because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.”

IV. The keys needed to being a healthy employer.

A. Provide for your employees.

Colossians 4:1 “Master, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.”

B. Speak properly to your employees.