



Today: Wearing the Clothes at Home and Work

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.²² Bondservants, 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.²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Colossians 3:18 - 4:1

These verses cannot be understood apart from the CONTEXT. (12-17)

Have you “PUT ON” the clothes of the preceding paragraph?

Above all, LOVE and the WORD of CHRIST dwelling in you

When a BELIEVER is “dressed” this way

Marriage can look like Jesus: grace-filled SUBMISSION and gentle LOVE.

It was a HARSH culture toward women then. It is still today.
Why? SIN.

Family can look like Jesus: God-pleasing OBEDIENCE and patient LOVE.

Notice: the FATHERS are in view! The price we pay for MISSING fathers.

The workplace can reflect the “clothes” of GODLINESS as well:

WORKERS who work for the Lord.

Bosses who are just and fair because they FEAR the Lord.

The greatest NEED of our time: men who are like JESUS in all their relationships.

Is that possible? It is GOSPEL-possible! It is Holy Spirit POSSIBLE!