



STUDY GUIDE

How The Gospel Impacts Our Relationships

Colossians 3:18-25

Week of May 28, 2017

engage it

1. Which of the following words best describes the role you filled in your home when you were a teenager and give an example that proves this to be true. Prankster? Agitator? Subservient? Argumentative? Rebellious? Other?
2. What rule did your parents establish that caused you to be punished most often when you were a teenager? Why did you choose to break that rule?

unpack it

3. Read Colossians 3:18-21. How would you define the word “submissive” as it is used in this passage and why do you think it is “fitting” in God’s eyes for a wife who is an equal to her husband, to submit to him? What outside influences must Christian wives ignore in order to embrace a life of godly submissiveness?

4. Ephesians 5:22 – 23 makes it clear that husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. How would you describe Christ's love for the church? What actions and sacrifices must husbands make in order to prove to their wives that they love them as Christ loved His church?
5. To exasperate means to provoke or irritate. What kinds of things do fathers do to exasperate their children and why do fathers do this? What steps can a father take when frustrated or angry with a son or daughter so that he doesn't create tension that leads to exasperation before having a conversation with that child?
6. What are some ways parents can establish in their children the importance of pleasing the Lord?
7. Read Colossians 3:22-25. What timeless principles relates to being an employee in today's workplace and what motivation does Paul say we should have?
8. How would you contrast "eye-service" and work that is done with "sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord"? How might understanding that work is a gift with which we are called to glorify God change the way you approach daily tasks?

9. Read John 13:12-17. What can we learn about submission with our family, spouse, children, or those in the workplace through Jesus' example? How might our relationships be different if we willingly lived Jesus' way?

10. What steps could we take to begin approaching our work with a gospel-centered perspective? Why is this challenging to live out in everyday life?

live it

11. What, if any, changes are needed in your own relationships in order for you to point people to Christ?

12. How might considering the work Christ accomplished for us on the cross change a person's perspective on their work? How would you rate yourself in this area of your life?

