

**GUARDRAILS**  
**Guidelines For Everyday Relationships**  
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**Key Verses of the Day**

*Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.*

*Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.*

*It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism. Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. Colossians 3:18-4:1 NIV*

**Key Thought of the Day**

Every Christian is personally \_\_\_\_\_ for how they treat others.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17 NIV*

**Don't Miss This!**

For the Christian, \_\_\_\_\_ we do is for the Lord.

**Two Principles For Christian Relationships**

1. All Christian relationships have a \_\_\_\_\_ obligation.

**Grab This!**

In Christian relationships \_\_\_\_\_ has obligations for how they treat others.

**Don't Miss This!**

This teaching highlights that every person \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**Two Principles For Christian Relationships**

2. All Christian Relationships are grounded \_\_\_\_\_.

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free... 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 NIV*

**WIVES AND HUSBANDS**

*Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Colossians 3:18-19 NIV*

• Wives are called to \_\_\_\_\_.

*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 NIV*

*Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. Ephesians 5:22 NIV*

*But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. 1 Corinthians 11:3 NIV*

- Husbands are called to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Colossians 3:19 NIV*

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... Ephesians 5:25 NIV*

## **CHILDREN AND PARENTS**

*Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. Colossians 3:20-21 NIV*

- Children are expected to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- Parents are expected to discipline and \_\_\_\_\_ their children.

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

## **SLAVES AND MASTERS (WORKERS AND SUPERVISORS)**

*Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism. Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. Colossians 3:22-4:1 NIV*

- Slaves/Workers are expected serve their employer as if they were \_\_\_\_\_.

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters...*

- Masters/Supervisors are expected to treat employees \_\_\_\_\_.

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

## **The Bottom Line**

1. Remember that in Christian relationships everyone has \_\_\_\_\_ for how they treat others.
2. Remember that in Christian relationships we are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

## **The Challenge**

Is there a relationship in your life that needs an attitude adjustment from you?