

An Intentional Home Part 2

Colossians 3:16-19, 23-24

(Col.3.16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, (ABF & children) singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Col.3.17) And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Practical rules for living out everything in the Name of the Lord Jesus)
(Col.3.18) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.
(Col.3.19) Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.
(Col.3.20) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. (Col.3.21) Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (Col.3.22) Slaves, 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. (Col.3.23) Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, (Col.3.24) knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

“Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...”

I. Our marriage should REPRESENT the Lord Jesus. Eph. 5:32

The provisions of Christ Jesus should be reflected in our love for one another.

- **Christ is our SECURITY (Ring) John 10:27-30**
 - **Spouses are to PROTECT one another.**

- **Christ is our SIGNIFICANCE (Rose) Phil. 1:6**
 - **We are to PROMOTE one another.**

- **Christ is our SOURCE** (*Surprises*) *Phil. 4:19*
 - We are to **PROVIDE** for one another.

- **Christ is our SATISFACTION** (*Candy*) *1 Peter 1:8*
 - We are to be a **PLEASURE** to one another.

- **Christ is our SANCTIFICATION** (*Cord*) *Rom. 8:16-17,*
 - We **PROMISE** to be One-Flesh.

II. Wives are called to RESPECT their husbands as an agent of the Lord Jesus. *Colossians 3:18, Ephesians 5:22-24, 33, 1 Peter 3:1-4, 1 Corinthians 7:16*

Ephesians 5:22-24 & 33 (22) Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. (24) Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. (33) However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

1Peter 3:1-4 (1) Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives— (2) when they see your respectful and pure conduct. (3) Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing— (4) but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

1Corinthians 7:16 (16) Wife, how do you know whether you will save your husband? Husband, how do you know whether you will save your wife?

1Corinthians 7:3-4 (3) The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. (4) For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

Wives give your husband your **ALL**.

A – ADMIRATION – Emotional Encouragement

L – LISTEN – Relational Interest

L – LOVE - Physical Intimacy

III. Husbands are called to SACRIFICALLY love their wives as the Lord Jesus loves His Bride, the church. Colossians 3:19, Ephesians 5:25-33, 1 Peter 3:7, 1 Corinthians 7:3-4

Ephesians 5:25-31 (25) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, (26) that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, (27) so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (28) In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. (29) For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, (30) because we are members of his body. (31) “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

1Peter 3:7 (7) Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an **understanding way**, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Husbands give your wife your **LIFE**.

L – LOVE – Affection and Security

I – INTELLECT – Intentionally Communicate

F – FAMILY SUPPORT – Practical and Relational needs

E – EXAMPLE – Spiritual Leadership

IV. The REWARD of an Intentional Home

Colossians 3:23-24 (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.

- The reward of a LOVING relationship
- The reward of Christ's INHERITANCE
- The reward of PROCLAIMING God's manifold wisdom

Ephesians 3:8-10 (8) To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, (9) and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, (10) so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

- The reward of PREPARING for Christ's return

Revelation 19:7-9 (7) Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; (8) it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"-- for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. (9) And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Every word and deed done in the name (likeness) of Christ and giving thanks to God the Father through Him sews one more thread in the garment of Christ's Bride.