

Col 3:18-4:1 Discussion Questions

Think about all the relationships in your life: family, work, social. What makes them good and/or challenging?

Read Col 3:18-4:1

1. What does Paul mean by 'Submission' in 3:18 and why would some people find this offensive today?
2. In what ways can submission be a good thing?
3. What does it look like for husbands to love their wives?
4. If you are a husband, what can you do to make your wife's submission a good and joyful thing?
5. If you are a wife, what can you do to make your husband's love a good and joyful thing?
6. How does Paul's teaching about Fathers (can read parents generally) challenge/encourage you about how you raise/raised your children?
 - a. For those whose children are now grow up, is there anything you need to go back to your adult children and apologise for in the way you raised them? (This could be quite a hard thing to do, especially if there is real hurt in the relationship but if this is the case then it might be a first step towards reconciliation- of course it might not be the appropriate time to do it, and reconciliation takes time and may not be fully possible this side of glory)
7. In what ways did faith in Jesus Christ transform life for:
 - a. A slave
 - b. A slave master
8. It's fair to apply slave and master to worker and boss (or anyone under authority and one in authority). Therefore, what are the real-life implications for you as a worker/boss or someone under authority or with authority?

PRAY