



# BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

WEEK 3- DAY 6

## COLOSSIANS 3: 18-25

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT)

### **Instructions for Christian Households**

**18** Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting for those who belong to the Lord.

**19** Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

**20** Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord. **21** Fathers, do not aggravate your children, or they will become discouraged.

**22** Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord. **23** Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

**24** Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. **25** But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites.

### DAY 6 REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR VERSES 18-25

1. Submission does not mean domination, but rather taking the divinely ordered place in a relationship. Would most wives mind this kind of submission (vs. 18) if their husbands loved them as verse 19 directs? Explain.
2. What does verse 20 about childhood and parenting?
3. Verses 22-25 is not an endorsement of earthly slavery, but rather a call to spiritual perspective and work ethic in whatever earthly situation we're in. Slave or free, what kind of worker are we called to be (vs. 23)?