



Colossians – Part 9
Enriching Our Home & Business Life

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1. Follow God’s design for _____.

Colossians 3:18-19 (NLT), “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.”

Ephesians 5:21-26; 30-33 (NLT), “²¹ And further, **submit to one another** out of reverence for Christ. ²² For **wives**, this means **submit** to your husbands **as to the Lord**. ²³ For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. ²⁴ As the church submits to Christ, so you **wives should submit to your husbands in everything**. ²⁵ For **husbands**, this means **love your wives**, just **as Christ loved the church**. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. ³⁰ And we are **members of his body**. ³¹ As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and **the two are united into one**.” ³² This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. ³³ So again I say, **each man must love his wife** as he loves himself, and **the wife must respect her husband**.”

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV), “**Do not be yoked together with unbelievers**. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”

2. Follow God’s design for _____.

Colossians 3:20-21 (NLT), “²⁰ Children, always **obey your parents**, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not **aggravate** your children, or they will become **discouraged**.”

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NLT), “Children, obey your parents **because you belong to the Lord**, for this is the right thing to do. ² “Honor your father and mother.” This is the **first commandment with a promise**: ³ If you honor your father and mother, “**things will go well** for you, and you will have a **long life** on the earth.” ⁴ Fathers, do not **provoke** your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the **discipline and instruction** that comes from the **Lord**.”

3. Follow God’s design for _____.

Colossians 3:22-25 (NLT), “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.”

Ephesians 6:5-8 (NLT), “⁵ **Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear**. Serve them **sincerely as you would serve Christ**. ⁶ Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. **As slaves of Christ**, do the will of God with all your heart. ⁷ Work with **enthusiasm, as though** you were working for the **Lord** rather than for people. ⁸ Remember that the **Lord will reward** each one of us for the good we do, **whether we are slaves or free**.”

Matthew 5:16 ESV, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, **so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father** who is in heaven.”

4. Follow God’s design for _____.

Colossians 4:1 (NLT), “Masters, be **just and fair to your slaves**. Remember that you also have a **Master** – in heaven.”

Ephesians 6:9 (NLT), “Masters, **treat your slaves in the same way**. Don’t threaten them; remember, **you both have the same Master** in heaven, and he has no favorites.”
