

POWER IN RELATIONSHIPS

COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

Households and Power (Context)

Wives and Husbands (Colossians 3:18-19)

Children and Parents (Colossians 3:20-21)

Slaves and Masters (Colossians 3:22-4:1)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. How does Paul's instructions in this passage subvert the cultural expectations of his day?
2. Where do you need to use your power for the benefit of people in your household?
3. What does submission mean? What does submission not mean?
4. Describe what it looks like when a husband loves his wife like Christ?
5. How can a parent avoid "embittering" and "discouraging" their kids?
6. How does the New Testament teaching on slaves and masters undermine the system of Roman slavery?
7. In what ways do the instructions for slaves give principle you can apply to your own work?