

- 8. If you have children, what would you say is the main message you're giving them by the way you live and relate with them? What impact is your life having on them?
- 9. How would you describe a Godly family? What is one step you could take to grow in the role God has given you in your family?
- 10. How would you describe a Godly *church* family? What is one step you could take to grow in the role God has given you in your church family?

Soul Training

God uses our relationships to grow us up. We are connected to each other. We belong to each other. Reach out to your spouse or a friend this week and share something you're learning or struggling with. Spend time asking God to heal and strengthen your relationships. Name names. Be specific.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

- Day 1: Colossians 3:18-21 Day 4: Philippians 2:1-8
- Day 2: Genesis 1:26-31 Day 5: Ephesians 5:21-33
- Day 3: Psalm 103:17-19

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 29, we'll continue the series *Living Changed Lives*. To prepare for the message, read Colossians 2:16-23.

If you've never experienced God's grace and forgiveness, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call 864.688.8211.

► **Outline**

Today's message is based on Colossians 3:18-21.

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**1. Introduction to the Family.
(Colossians 3:1,16-17)**

2. Responsibilities of the family include:

- a. **Wives _____ fittingly.
(Colossians 3:18. C/R: Genesis 3:16; Ephesians 5:22-24;
1 Timothy 5:14)**
- b. **Husbands _____ fully.
(Colossians 3:19. C/R: Genesis 3:17-18;
Ephesians 5:25-32)**



c. Children _____ rightly.
(Colossians 3:20. C/R: Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 6:20;
Ephesians 6:1)

d. Parents _____ lovingly.
(Colossians 3:21. C/R: Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4)

3. How can your family respond to Christ's call?

Answers: a. submit b. love c. obey d. discipline

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out: biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

What's been your experience doing group projects in school?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

This week's teaching is about marriage and family, but it also has specific applications for all relationships. Whether you're young or old, married or single, with or without children, ask God to speak to you about how you relate with others – in your family, in the church, and in the world.

Respond to the following questions by studying Ephesians 5:21-33; Colossians 3:18-19; Titus 2:1-8; 1 Peter 3:1-7.

1. How are wives instructed to relate to husbands?
2. How are husbands instructed to relate to wives?
3. **If you *are* married**, what is one area you could grow in that would strengthen your marriage?
4. **If you *want to be* married**, what can you begin doing right now that will help you choose a mate and be better prepared for marriage?
5. What specific applications do these passages have for you even if you're ***not planning to be married?***

Read Colossians 3:20-21.

6. What are ways parents embitter and discourage their children?
7. What was the main message your father gave you by the way he lived and interacted with you? What impact did he have on your life?