



GOT TRUTH?

The Truth In Relationships

Colossians 3:18-4:1

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1. What do you think is the main struggle that each of us is dealing with in our relationships?
2. Is it possible for us to resolve our relational issues?

Wives & Husbands (verses 18,19)

3. Why do you think Paul begins his list of examples with the relationship of a wife and husband?
4. What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband? Real life examples? How can a wife submit to her husband and still be considered equally the image of God?
5. How does Jesus demonstrate submission? How can this be an example for wives?
6. How can the love of a husband for his wife emulate the sacrificial love of Jesus? Real life examples?
7. Is it possible to have the kind of marital relationship that Paul is writing about? Real life examples?
8. Depending on your marital role: What would it look like for you to submit / love sacrificially as Paul teaches here?

Children & Parents (fathers) (verses 20,21)

9. What does it mean for children to obey their parents? How might their obedience be pleasing to God?
10. How might parents provoke and discourage their children? Real life examples? Do you think there is anything you could have done to help?
11. How has your relationship with Jesus been influenced by your parents?
12. What is the primary duty of parents? Of fathers? When it comes to teaching their children? Real life examples?
13. Depending on your role: What would it look like for you to obey / parent as Paul teaches here?

Slaves & Masters (verses 22-4:1)

14. What does it mean to work "as for the Lord and not for men"? How might this principle apply in our work / school / community relationships?
15. How might our Master Jesus' call to follow Him and His command to make disciples effect how we approach our work / school / community relationships?

Horizontal & Vertical (focus)

16. Thinking about our horizontal relationships (with people) and Paul's teaching about our need to give priority to (aim at / keep focused on) our vertical relationship (with God) where / in what situations do you find this difficult to do?
17. What might you do this week to keep your relationship with God (vertical) in focus?