

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 16/05/2021

Text(s): Colossians 3:18-21

Sermon Title: Knowing God's Principles For The Christian Family

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Colossians 3:18–21 (ESV)

18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. Scripture says, "Wives, submit to your husbands." In some ancient societies, a woman was the possession of her husband. She had no legal rights. She was a just a piece of property meant to serve her husband. It's different today where women may be CEO or COO or go anywhere that talent and opportunity would take them. Is it easier today for a highly educated wife to submit to her husband today compared to ancient times? What do you think?**
- 2. The preacher said a wife is to submit to her husband even if he does not love her like he should. She justified her position by pointing out that Scripture is clear in revealing God's will, that a wife is to submit to her husband. She also pointed out that no wife is married to a perfect man. What is your reaction to this proposition? Do you agree that a wife is to submit to her husband regardless of his character or degree of Christ-likeness?**
- 3. Talking about husbands being harsh and mean, it's a relief to note that husbands are clearly instructed not to be harsh or mean in the way they treat their wives (v19). Furthermore, they are to talk lovingly and kindly to them, to care for them, to encourage them to grow in God. According to the preacher, what is the secret to making the relationship between a husband and a wife blossom? Can you come up with one word to summarize this secret?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **The relationship between children and parents is the next focus. What did Apostle Paul have to say to children and parents? How do you apply these principles if you're a parent yourself and you play both roles? That is, if you're a child to your parents and a parent to your child, how would you play both roles?**

2. **In talking about the relationship between husband and wife and the relationship between children and parents, what really is the aim here? What would you like to see created in your home?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See **MyPMC > PRAY** for the monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to have the joy of honoring Christ in our different family roles and to grow in it, reflecting more and more the character of Christ within us.

- *Pray for our church to have strong families founded on the Word of God and on godly principles. Pray for healing to come to families where healing is needed.*

- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.