

IV. PARENTS ARE TO ENCOURAGE (3:21)

A. The meaning of “do not provoke” (v 21a):

- It does not mean to never oppose or upset your child.

“For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.” I Samuel 3:13

- It does mean to avoid harmful actions like...

Ignore them.

Indulge them.

Insult them.

Intimidate them.

B. The motive is encouragement.

“And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4

“4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!

5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” Deuteronomy 6:4-7

“He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.” Proverbs 13:24

CONCLUSION:

“FOLLOW ME”

he Gospels record Jesus making this statement 19 times.

Are You Following Christ?

#JESUS

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INTRODUCTION

- ##### A.
- In today’s society, we “follow”, post and tweet nearly everything, but are we pursuing the only One who calls us to follow him with our entire lives?

*“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,
7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”*
Colossians 2:6-7

Jesus plus nothing equals everything!!

- ##### B.
- In #Jesus, Following The Life Of Christ, we will explore the Bible book of Colossians and what it means to follow Christ both today and for eternity. This nine part series features the following messages:

April 5	Becoming A Follower Of Jesus
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TODAY	Following Jesus In The Home
May 17	Following Jesus In The Workplace
May 24	Following Jesus In Prayer
May 31	Following Jesus In Relationships

This series is for everyone!

- ##### C. TEXT:
- Colossians 3:18-21 (Pew Bible/Pg. 208/New Test.)

FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE HOME

I. WIVES ARE TO **SUBMIT** (3:18)

- A. The meaning of “submit” is to arrange in **rank** (v18a).
*“22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.
24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.”*
Ephesians 5:21-24

- B. The motive of submission is **order** (v 18b).
“But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.”
I Corinthians 11:3

“Let all things be done decently and in order.”
I Corinthians 14:40

II. HUSBANDS ARE TO **LOVE** (3:19)

- A. The meaning of “love” is sacrificial **service** (v 19a).
*“25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.
28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.
29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.”*
Ephesians 5:25-29

- B. The motive of love is **unity** (v 19b).

*“14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:
15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;”*
Hebrews 12:14-15

III. CHILDREN ARE TO **OBEY** (3:20)

- A. The meaning of “obey” (v 20a):

- Doing **what** you are told to do.
- **When** you are told to do it.
- With the right **heart** attitude.

*“1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise:
3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”*
Ephesians 6:1-3

- B. The motive of obedience is **blessing** (v 20b).

“Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”
Deuteronomy 5:16

*“20 My son, keep your father’s command, And do not forsake the law of your mother.
21 Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck.
22 When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you.”* Proverbs 6:20-22