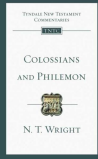


Colossians 3:21, "Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged."

- "provoke" (present imperative of old verb from *eretho* "to \_\_\_\_\_, or AROUSE"). Here it means to \_\_\_\_\_ and as a HABIT (present tense).

"Paul refers to the constant nagging or belittling of a child (a sure sign of insecurity, 3:8, this time on the part of the parent), the refusal to allow children to be people in their own right instead of carbon copies of their parents or their parent's fantasies."



-N. T. Wright, *Colossians and Philemon* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1994), 148.

**APPLICATION:** Parents, do your words BUILD up or TEAR down?

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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**God's Plan for the Home – Col. 3:18-21**

Colossians 3:18, "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord."

**WIVES – 3:18**

1. Male and female are (1)\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."



"In non-Christian circles wives (in fact, women in general) were regarded as being inferior beings. Among the Greeks, in spite of their high degree of culture, wives, as a rule, were not considered to be the equals or even the companions of their husbands. The Romans, too, regarded women as being intrinsically inferior. Philo, a Jewish philosopher who was greatly influenced by Greek philosophy, regarded women as being selfish, jealous, and hypocritical, and married men as being no longer free men, but slaves."

-William Hendriksen, *Colossians and Philemon* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1964), 168-169.

2. Wives, (2)\_\_\_\_\_ ... (cf. Gen. 3:16; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 14:34, 35; Eph. 5:22-24; I Tim. 2:11-15; Titus 2:5; I Peter 3:1-6)

- “submit” (hypotasso) – it means to subject yourselves in a <sup>(3)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ way (not inferiority, but a matter of <sup>(4)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and <sup>(5)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in the home).



“The verb *hypotassomai* has a military air, common in the *Koine* for such obedience ... This is an idiomatic use of the imperfect indicative with verbs of propriety in the present time ... Wives have rights and privileges, but recognition of the husband’s leadership is essential to a well-ordered home, only the assumption is that the husband has a head and a wise one.”

-Archibald Thomas Robertson, *Word Pictures in the New Testament, Volume IV* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1931), 506.

“Why should a woman be encouraged to do things that are contrary to her nature? Her very body, far from preceding that of Adam in the order of creation, was taken out of Adam’s body. Her very name – Ish-sha – was derived from his name – Ish (Gen. 2:23). It is when the wife recognizes this basic distinction and acts accordingly that she can be a blessing to her husband, can exert a gracious, very powerful, and beneficent influence upon him, and can promote not only his but also her own happiness.”



-William Hendriksen, *Colossians and Philemon* (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1964), 168-169.

**APPLICATION:** Husband, what kind of influence do you have on your wife? Wife, what kind of influence do you have on your husband?

*Colossians 3:18, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, AS IS FITTING IN THE LORD.”*

- The wife is not to submit to beatings, abuse, or behavior she is know is wrong and in violation of Scripture.

*Acts 5:29, “But Peter and the other apostles said: ‘We ought to obey God rather than men.’”*

3. Husbands, <sup>(6)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ your wives ... (3:19).

- “love” is *agape* – it means to <sup>(7)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ love your wife! It is present active imperative in Greek: “keep on loving.”

*Colossians 3:19, “Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.”*

- “bitter” (pikros) – present middle imperative in PROHIBITION: “STOP BEING BITTER!”

**APPLICATION:** Wife, are you causing your husband to be bitter? (Excessive spending; complaining, critical spirit, etc.)

4. Children, <sup>(8)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ your parents in all things ...

*Colossians 3:20, “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.”*

- “obey” – an old verb that means “to listen under” (as looking up) ... when your parents are talking, <sup>(9)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ at them and LISTEN!
- “in all things” – God is calling children to obey their parents <sup>(10)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the time!

5. Fathers, do not <sup>(11)</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ your children ...