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Colossians 3:20-4:1

The Supremacy of Jesus Christ and Family Life
Part 2 – Parents & Children; Slaves & Masters

God's instructions to Children **v. 20**
(*Galatians 4:1; Ephesians 6:1-3*)

Obey your parents

In everything

This pleases the Lord

God's instructions to Fathers **v. 21**
(*Ephesians 6:4*)

Fathers

Do not embitter your children

Or they will become discouraged

God's instructions to Slaves **v. 22-25**
(*Colossians 1:7, 23, 25; 1 Peter 2:16; Ephesians 6:7-8*)

Obey your earthly masters

In everything

Not only when they're looking

Whatever you do...

You will receive an inheritance

God doesn't play favorites

God's instructions to Masters **v. 4:1**
(Ephesians 6:9)

Provide what is right and fair

You have a master in heaven

Questions for Discussion

1. Why do you think our nation's families are in such a state of disarray? What do you think causes so much violence?
2. What do you think the relationship is between our faith in our families and our faith outside the family?
3. It isn't earth-shattering to say that children need to obey. How is it significant that God expects children to obey?
4. How do God's instructions to fathers influence our thoughts about God himself?
5. How might God's instructions for families influence the problems we face as a nation?
6. When we consider that all believers are slaves of Christ, what commands to slaves stand out to you the most?
7. How significant is it that God addressed each of the weaker parties first, before giving instructions to the stronger parties? What might this suggest?