

# CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Studies in the Book of Colossians - 6

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Text: Col. 3:18-4:6

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## ***PLACES FOR PRACTICING HOLY LIVING***

**INTRODUCTION** Now that some fundamental rules for personal holiness were given for “how to be personally pleasing to God,” Paul now turns to the performance side and gives clear illustrations for how to show forth to others, the holiness of life God has given you. These areas involve the home life, your daily workaday life and your secular life. Let’s break this down for our understanding and our living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We see...

### **I. HOLINESS FOR THE HOME LIFE – (3:18-21)**

- A) Partnership – “*God’s directives for marital relationships*”
- B) Parenthood – “*Principles for parental rule and authority.*”

### **II. HOLINESS FOR OUR WORKADAY LIFE – (3:22-4:1)**

- A) Employees – “*Serve your employer as if serving the Lord.*”
- B) Employers – “*Treat your workers as God treats you.*”

### **III. HOLINESS FOR OUR SECULAR LIFE – (4:2-6)**

- A) Prayerfulness – “*Make prayer an important part of your life*”
- B) Carefulness – “*We must guard our testimony and our time*”
- C) Tastefulness – “*Our conversations must be sweet and salty*”

**CONCLUSION:** The advent of Christianity changed the world of humanity forever. It began with lost and fallen sinners being given new life in Christ. Now humanity had a chance to be pleasing to God, and to live forever in His presence. However God delays bringing in His perfect kingdom, and while we wait, our new life in Christ is to be a showcase manifestation for the rest of the lost world around us. Apparently the 1<sup>st</sup> century Church did a good job of infiltrating their world, as the Church grew mightily and conquered many bastions of sin and sinners. However, as the Word of God is timeless, God’s call for holiness in your person and outwardly in your daily life is still expected; and, its purpose is still to win the world to Christ through it. How are we doing? How are you doing? Today’s text is your monitor and benchmark.

## **TEXT FOR MESSAGE**

*The New International Version*

**Col. 3:18-4:6 (NIV)** "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 embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism."

Col. 4:1-6 "Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. 2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."