* **Sacrifice My Life For My Wife – Just As Christ Did For Me.**

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

Colossians 3:19

**Key word:** Love. [*agape*](https://www.gotquestions.org/agape-love.html). Husbands are to love their wives with God’s kind of love—selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional. Desire what is best for her, and he must work for that best, regardless of the cost.

***25****Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her…****28****In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.* Ephesians 5:25-28

**Husband’s responsibility:** To love his wife without selfishness, without reservation, and without condition. Love her as Christ loved the church unto death (see [John 13:1](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%2013.1)). Love her, seek her best good, sacrifice for her benefit, give yourself to her wholeheartedly, and, when that’s all done, love her some more.

* **Obey My Parents.**

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

Colossians 3:20

* **Fathers Don’t Antagonize Your Kids.**

***21****Fathers, do not embitter (antagonize NAS) your children, or they will become discouraged.* Colossians 3:21

*Embitter.* i.e. alienate / anger / annoy / irritate / offend

* **Vocationally Work As If Jesus Is My Boss.**

***22****Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry 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 human masters,****24****since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.* Colossians 3:22-25

***1*** *Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.* Colossians 4:1

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* **CLOTHE Myself With Godly Virtues.**

***12****Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.****13****Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.****14****And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.* Colossians 3:12-14

**Key Q:** What does love (agape) produce when practiced?

**Key A:** Unity (Gk - teleioteces), i.e. understanding, maturity.

***15****Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.* Colossians 3:15

**Key:** Christ Ruling In My Heart Coincides With Peace In My Home.

***16****Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.* Colossians 3:16

***17****And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* Colossians 3:17

* **Submit To My Husband.**

***18****Wives, submit (subject –* NAS) *yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.* Colossians 3:18

*Submit*: Gk, hupotasso. The same word is used for all of us to submit to God, the government, or a pastor. Not a one time act but continual attitude. Husbands submit to Christ (1 Cor. 11:2-3). Submission Based On: Order established by God. Never about Intelligence, talent, ability or personality.

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