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22 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. 25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

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What does '*...fitting in the Lord...*' teach? 3:18; ICor.11:3; Titus 2:4-5 see Acts 5:29

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How does the command to husbands relate to submission for the wife? Eph.5:25-33; IICor.5:14

What about the children? 3:20 and then the Father (parent) to the children? 3:21

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What is Paul's command to (bond) *slaves*? 3:22 Ps.132:2; IPet.2:18-19; Titus 2:9-10

What is the *positive* motivation for this kind of service? 3:22b-3:24; 3:17; Eccl.8:12-13

What is the *negative* motivation for this kind of service? 3:25 Acts 10:34; IICor.5:10

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Absolutely not! We're all to be submissive to leaders, government, each other, and to God.

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Absolutely not! Christ was submissive to the Father. Not inferior. Submissive in function.

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That this husband-wife relationship is designed by the Lord. It's how He wants it done.

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Husbands, love (agape) your wives and don't be bitter (sour) toward them.

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Love makes the submission 'not burdensome'. Loving the wife as Christ loves the Church

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Children are to be obedient; pleases the Lord. Parents, be careful not to exasperate them!

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Obey your masters (here), sincerely from the heart. Note: today this is closest to employee.

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Fearing (reverence) the Lord. Service as unto the Lord. He will reward you appropriately.

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You will receive the consequences of wrong doing, without partiality. See IPet.1:17

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Grant your slaves (employees) justice and fairness. Remember: Your Master in Heaven!