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Christians go through an incredible process called "sanctification" during which the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins and shortcomings in an attempt to make us become more like Jesus Christ. We must try to interact with people and situations as Jesus would. The way we do this is to read the bible, pray for direction, and live in a way that allows the Holy Spirit to direct our words and actions. Lovingly interacting with people or situations can be difficult and challenging at times so that's why God's given us His design for proper relationships in the bible. It's important that we always try to follow God's will in our lives by being patient, loving and impartial while controlling our anger.



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Husband to Wife

- [Ephesians 5:25-28] Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.
- [Colossians 3:19] Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.
- [1st Peter 3:7] Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Parents to Children

- [Colossians 3:21] Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
- [Ephesians 6:4] And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of
- [Proverbs 13:24] He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.
- [Proverbs 22:6] Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Children to Parents

- [Colossians 3:20] Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.
- [Ephesians 6:1-3] Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER," which is the first commandment with promise: "THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.'
- [Proverbs 1:8-9] My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; for they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.
- [Proverbs 13:1] A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.
- [Proverbs 30:17] The eye that mocks his father, and scorns obedience to his mother. the ravens of the valley will pick it out, and the young eagles will eat it.

In the Workplace

- [Colossians 3:22-25] Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord vou will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.
- [Ephesians 6:5-9] Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.
- [1st Peter 2:18-20] Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear. not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD FOR THIS IS RIGHT

Handling Conflict

• [Matthew 18:15-17] "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY WORD MAY BE ESTABLISHED.' And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector."

Wife to Husband

- [Ephesians 5:22-24] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.
- [Colossians 3:18] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

General Behavior

- [Colossians 3:8-17] But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
- [Ephesians 6:10-11] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- [Galatians 5:16-18] I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- [1st Peter 3:8-9] Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.