



**Title | Parts of the Whole  
Series | Toward Wholeness  
Text | Colossians 3:18-4:1  
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# Sermon Notes

**Colossians 3:18 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 provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.**

**22 Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. 25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. 4:1 Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. *ESV***

## Big Idea:

**Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, *ESV***

## **For Reflection and Application:**

### **Monday:**

**Read Colossians 3:18-4:1. Identify the three relational dyads or pairs in this text. What do they have in common?**

### **Tuesday:**

**In Colossians 3:18-4:1, what do the instructions for the three leaders have in common? What do the instructions for the three followers have in common?**

### **Wednesday:**

**In which relational dyads are you a leader right now? In which dyads are you a follower?**

### **Thursday:**

**In light of Colossians 3:18-4:1, how can you be a better leader or follower?**

### **Friday:**

**Which role do you think is more difficult, a Christlike leader or follower? Which role is more important? Which is more rewarding?**

### **Daily Prayer:**

**Lord, help me to fulfill the part you have given me to play that I may experience and display your wholeness. Amen.**