

WEEK #6 (November 13th) • In Christ
Our Minds Are Set On Things That Are Above (2)
Colossians 3:18-4:6

1. In the context of “seeking the things that are above” and “putting on the new self,” why would Paul be concerned with commanding wives to “submit” to their husbands (3:18)? What is this submission, and why is it described as “fitting in the Lord”?
2. In the same context, why would Paul be concerned with commanding husbands to “love [their] wives” (3:19)? What is this love, and why does he remind husbands not to be “harsh” with their wives?
3. In the same context, why would Paul tell children to “obey [their] parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord” (3:20)?
4. How can fathers be guilty of “provoking” their children, and how can such provocation very naturally and easily lead to discouragement (3:21)?
5. In our own modern context, what should we make of Paul’s instructions to slaves and masters in 3:22-4:1? Are there any principles here we can safely and accurately apply to ourselves?
6. Practically speaking, what does it mean to “continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving” (4:2)?
7. What does Paul teach us about prayer by making the very personal request of 4:3-4?
8. In your own words, what does it mean to “walk in wisdom toward outsiders” (4:5), and why is this a vital aspect of having our minds set on things that are above?
9. Each of us is blessed with the same amount of time from day to day and week to week. Why is God concerned with charging us to “make the best use” of our time (4:5) and, practically speaking, how can we make this a reality?
10. In your own words, summarize the charge of 4:6.