

Household Code, Part 2
Colossians 3:20-4:1

Sidenote (for last week and this week)
Practical instruction is for encouragement not discouragement.

None of us has perfected the Christian life
1 John 1:8 NLT
If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.

Circle of Gospel Motivation
Love for God drives us to His Word which drives us to Repentance which drives us to Deeper love for God

Warnings and Rewards of the Word
Psalm 19:11 NLT
They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them.

Martin Luther
"The entire life of the believer is to be one of repentance."

The Love of God
Revelation 3:19 ESV
Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

Jonathan Dodson
"The purpose of repentance is to lead us into true joy."

How to please your parents
Proverbs 10:1 ESV
A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother.

The Task of Fathers
Isaiah 38:19 ESV
The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children your faithfulness.

How to "Aggravate" Children
1. Fail to Discipline 2. Be overly strict 3. Be inconsistent 4. Be unavailable

Ron Edmonson
"My role, as a follower of Christ, is first and foremost to trust and obey. To pray. Yes, I should use my influence to encourage moral value in our country. But the reality is this world is not our home. America is not the answer to world peace. Finding a king is not the chief goal of a disciple of Jesus."

Implications for Disciples as Employees
1. You'll be paid later 2. Things won't always go well for you on the job 3. You should be the best worker your boss has

Represent Well

1 Peter 2:12 NLT

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

Be a Decent Employer

1. Don't become arrogant 2. Pay a fair wage 3. Be honorable

Don't become arrogant

Philippians 2:3-4 NLT

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Pay a fair wage

Deuteronomy 24:14-15 NLT

Never take advantage of poor and destitute laborers, whether they are fellow Israelites or foreigners living in your towns. You must pay them their wages each day before sunset because they are poor and are counting on it. If you don't, they might cry out to the LORD against you, and it would be counted against you as sin.

Be Honorable

Titus 1:7 NLT

An elder is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money.