

Study: A Useful Vessel

Text: Colossians 3:18

“PUTTING ON CHRIST IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS—WIVES”

Memory verse: 2 Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet [*useful*] for the **Master’s** use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

† **The Christian’s PROGRESSION—to be “AS CHRIST” (v. 10b)**

† **The Christian’s PRACTICE—to IMITATE CHRIST (v. 12b-14)**

The challenge for us each day is—to LOOK *DISTINCLY* LIKE CHRIST!

† **The PRACTICE of a USEFUL Vessel—“Putting On” Christ in his _____ (Colossians 3:18-25)**

INTRODUCTION: Our goal in this study is to seek to be a “Useful Vessel for the Master.”

I. Usefulness In Our _____ Life (Colossians 3:18-21)

Q: How can you be the most effective and useful vessel to Christ’s work as a wife, husband, child, father, and/ or servant?

Homes are Biblically built upon authority and submission.

A. The Biblical Role of the _____ (v. 18)

Proverbs 18:22 *Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.*

1. Consider God’s _____ (Ephesians 5:22)

The phrase “*submit yourselves*” carries the idea to be under _____; a military term referring to rank.

Biblical submission does not refer to _____ but hierarchy.

Ephesians 5:22 *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

Wives, consider your submission to your husband as a way in which you _____ God.

This phrase, “*fit in the Lord*” can also be translated “*as is fitting to those who belong to the Lord*” or “*as is your right and proper duty in the Lord.*”

2. Consider God’s _____ (1 Timothy 2:12-13)

1 Timothy 2:12-13 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. **13** For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman **He** said, “I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is **Christ**; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of **Christ is God**.

3. Consider the _____ (1 Peter 3:1-6)

Consider here what God considers to be “*of great price*”—“*a meek and quiet spirit.*” This attitude of the heart is of great value in the sight of God.

Q: Husbands, are you giving her honor?

God gives grace to those who are “*clothed with _____*”—those who refuse to demand their own way! (1 Peter 5:5)

4. Consider Christ’s _____ (John 6:38)

John 6:38 “For I came down from heaven, not to do **Mine** own will, but the will of **Him** that sent **Me**.”

Consider Christ being *subject* unto his parents (**Luk 2:51**).

Q: Wives, are you willingly submitting to your husband’s leadership? Remember it is your service to God.

Q: Husbands, are you encouraging your wife to submit by leading her in a loving way?

What is my next step?

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it – James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ – Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF**)

2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?

3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?

 - d. What example to follow?

4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew**)

5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (**Put ON**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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