

Study: A Useful Vessel

Text: Colossians 3:19

“PUTTING ON CHRIST IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS—HUSBANDS”

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 *DISTINCTLY* LIKE CHRIST!

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

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

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

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

B. The Biblical Role of the HUSBAND (v. 19)

Husbands, we are to love our wives “*in word and deed, all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.*” This will transform the home life as he loves her with an attitude of gratitude seeking to honor his Master Jesus.

1. Consider God's Command for _____

Consider the “*love*” that this verse uses—it is the Greek word “*agapao*” which is the highest form of love—it is self-sacrificing love.

a. Love is defined by _____ (Ephesians 5:25)

In Galatians 5:22 we see that the “_____” of being Spirit-filled is “*love*” the same kind of love that Christ loves with.

b. Love is defined by the _____ of _____ (Ephesians 5:28-29, 33)

Men, how we love ourselves is seen in what we do with our time, especially our down time.

c. Love is defined by giving _____ (1 Peter 3:7)

“*Giving honor*” speaks of the _____.

“*dwell with them according to knowledge*” – The intellectual responsibility of the husband is simply getting to _____ his wife.

2. Consider the Command against _____

“...and be not bitter against them.” – The word “*bitter*” carries the idea of _____ or irritation.

Bitterness and love cannot coexist. One will dominate the other.

The reality is that there will be no _____ and love in a home where there is bitterness.

Ephesians 4:31-32 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as **God** for **Christ's** sake hath forgiven you.

Q: Husbands, how much do you pray? How much time do you spend on your knees bringing yourself and your family to the Lord?

3. Consider Christ's _____

a. God's love is _____ (Romans 5:8)

b. God's love is _____ (John 3:16)

c. God's love is _____ (Ephesians 5:25)

d. God's love is _____ (John 13:1)

e. God's love is _____ (Romans 8:38-39)

Q: Husbands, are you loving your wives in such a way as to encourage them to submit to your leadership?

Q: Wives, are you encouraging your husband to lead the home by your willing submission?

What is my next step? “*Put off*,” “*renew your mind*,” and “*put on*.”

What Is My Next Step?

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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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