

Study: A Useful Vessel

Text: Colossians 3:20-21

“PUTTING ON CHRIST IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS—FATHER/CHILD”

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)

C. The Biblical Role of _____ (v. 20)

1. What is _____?

To “obey” carries the action of _____ and the attitude of humble _____.

a. Obey _____ (Ephesians 6:1)

b. Obey _____ (Ephesians 6:2)

c. Obey _____ (Colossians 3:20)

2. Who are you _____?

The phrase “*well pleasing*” speaks of being fully agreeable or _____.

The *compliant* child –

The *rebellious* child –

The *God-pleasing* child –

Q: When you respond to your mom and dad, does God agree? Is it acceptable to Him?

Q: Young people; what is your attitude towards your parents?

D. The Biblical Role of _____ (v. 21)

1. _____ parenting

The word, “*provoke*” carries the idea to stir up or _____. The heart of this word “*provoke*” is _____. It is rooted in pride.

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is **Wisdom**.

“...lest they be discouraged.” – This kind of discouragement is _____.

2. _____ parenting (Ephesians 6:4)

Dr. E. Allen Griffith – Proper nurture and admonition will keep a child from reacting to and rejecting parental authority. [...] parents are reminded that how they handle their God-given authority will make a world of difference in how their children respond. (“*Parenting: One Chance to Do It Right*”, p. 8)

Punishment vs. Discipline – I define *punishment* as the response necessary when a child breaks _____ rules.

Discipline then is the response necessary when a child breaks _____ rules. Depending on whose rules are broken, my attitude toward the disobedience is very different.

Q: *Children*: What is your attitude toward your parents? In what areas do you need to humble yourself and confess that your attitude toward your parents is not an attitude of willing submission?

Q: *Fathers / Mothers*: What is your attitude in parenting? In what areas do you need to humble yourself and confess that your attitude toward your God is not an attitude of willing submission?

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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Sermon Notes

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