

Title: Get Along – Colossians 3 18-25

Read:

¹⁸Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honour the Master. ¹⁹Husbands, go all out in love for your wives. Don't take advantage of them. ²⁰Children, do what your parents tell you. This delights the Master no end. ²¹Parents, don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits. ²²⁻²⁵Servants, do what you're told by your earthly masters. And don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being a follower of Jesus doesn't cover up bad work.

Think:

Some people get really uptight about this passage in the Bible. But then some people get really upright about anything. We hear all sorts of claims that the Bible is saying that women are less important than men and that slavery is OK. Makes me want to shout from the rooftops, just read what it actually says. I wonder if you have ever had anyone say something about you that wasn't true at school or college. How did it make you feel? Do you get angry, did you want to get back at the persons that had lied about you? Well the bad news is that the message from today's reading might make you think about what you would do again. We are told that wives should support their husbands, husbands support their wives, and so on. It is pretty straight forward really, what ever you do at school, college, work, home, church do it as though you were doing it for Jesus. Whoever you meet, treat them as though they were Jesus. By the way just because the message is straight forward, doesn't mean it's easy. Especially when the other person hasn't worked out the same message yet.

Pray:

Lord would you help me to follow your Bible, even when the people I meet don't seem to follow your Bible. Amen.

Action:

Who are you going to treat like Jesus today, even though they don't deserve it? Bye for now.