

HOMELAND SECURITY PRECEPTS FOR THE HOME

Colossians 3:1-21 part 12

INTRODUCTION: We cannot have Christian homes unless we are Christian people. Paul outlines the principles for living the Christian life before he writes of the precepts for the Christian home.

I. CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. HOLY LIFE. (2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Thess. 4:7; Heb. 12:14)
 - 1. Possessing the life of Christ. (v. 4) “who is our life”
 - 2. Position in Christ. (v. 12) “elect of Christ, holy and beloved”
 - 3. Practice for a holy life.
 - a. Mortifying the old life. (v. 5-9)
 - b. Clothed in the new life. (v. 10, 12)
 - 4. Principles to govern the new life.
 - a. Peace of Christ. (v. 15)
 - b. Word of Christ. (v. 16)
 - c. Name of Christ. (v. 17)
- B. HUMBLE LIFE. (Eph. 4:2; Phil 2:3)
 - 1. Forbearing of others. (v. 13)
 - 2. Forgiving of others. (v. 13)
 - 3. Love for others. (v. 14)

II. CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS

- A. SUBMISSIVE WIVES. (Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:22-24)
- B. LOVING HUSBANDS. (Col. 3:19; Eph. 5:25)
- C. OBEDIENT CHILDREN. (Col. 3:20; Eph. 6:1-3)
- D. RESPONSIBLE PARENTING. (Col. 3:21; Eph. 6:4)

LESSONS FOR LIFE:

1. The person who has been born again by faith in Christ has been given everything he or she needs to live a godly life.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue. (2 Peter 1:2-3)

2. God holds each believer responsible for appropriating by faith those promises and principles for a godly walk. (2 Peter 1:4,10; Philippians 2:12-13)
3. God has so designed the home so every person is under authority.
4. The home can only be blessed with peace and harmony when each person within the home submits to God's divine design.
5. Rebellion against God's divine plan for the home only brings confusion and the disintegration of society.
6. Godly parents have the awesome responsibility of raising the next generation.