

ROOTED: Home Life
Colossians 3:18 - 4:1

This week's sermon focused on parenting and marriage.

Do you think churches create an expectation that every person should get married or have children? Do you think that is a fair or helpful expectation?

What are different ways that people learn how to be good parents or a good spouse?

Where do you think people learn habits or tendencies that hinder their ability to parent well or live well in a marriage?

Regardless of whether you are married or are a parent, has there ever been any particularly profound marriage or parenting advice you've heard?

One of the commands in this text is for husbands to love their wives.

What are some ways in which husbands practically love their wives?

In the sermon, the point was made that husbands love their wives by knowing them. Do you agree or disagree? What does it mean for a husband to know his wife?

When considering the different roles between husbands and wives, the observation has been made that a man's core/biblical calling is to lead but he often moves towards passivity in marriage and parenting; a wife's core/biblical calling is to place herself under her husband's leadership but she often moves towards wanting to control and lead.

Do you agree with those observations?

If you agree, why do you think women move towards wanting to lead and control in marriages?

What does it mean for a husband or father to be "passive?"

This text commands parents to parent their children but not do so in a way that "provokes" their children and causes them children to become resentful or bitter.

What are some ways that parents act and/or discipline that could have the result of making their children resentful or bitter?