

The
Normal
Christian Life



Col 3v18-4v6

LIVING FOR CHRIST ON OUR
FRONTLINES

Colossians 1v27...

To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1) Living for Jesus – In the Home

- 35% of teenagers from broken homes
- 22,000 young offenders sentenced
- 1.9 million cases of domestic abuse
- 90 children taken into care every day

1) Living for Jesus – In the Home

V18: Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

1) Living for Jesus – In the Home

V19: Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

Ephesians 5v25: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy...

1) Living for Jesus – In the Home

V20: Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

V21: Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

- Unhelpful comparisons
- Inconsistent discipline

1) Living for Jesus – In the Home

‘The life of religion, and the welfare and glory of both the church and the state, depend much on family government and duty. If we suffer the neglect of this, we shall undo all.’

Richard Baxter

2) Living for Jesus – At Work

V22: Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

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V23: Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters...

2) Living for Jesus – At Work

V24: ...since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

2) Living for Jesus – At Work

V1: Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

3) Living for Jesus – In the World

V5: Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders...

3) Living for Jesus – In the World

Prayer...

V2: Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

3) Living for Jesus – In the World

Prayer...

V3: And pray for us, too, that God may open up a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

3) Living for Jesus – In the World

Prayer...

V4: Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should

Acts 4v31: After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

3) Living for Jesus – In the World

Behaviour...

V5: Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.

3) Living for Jesus – In the World

Conversation...

V6: Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

