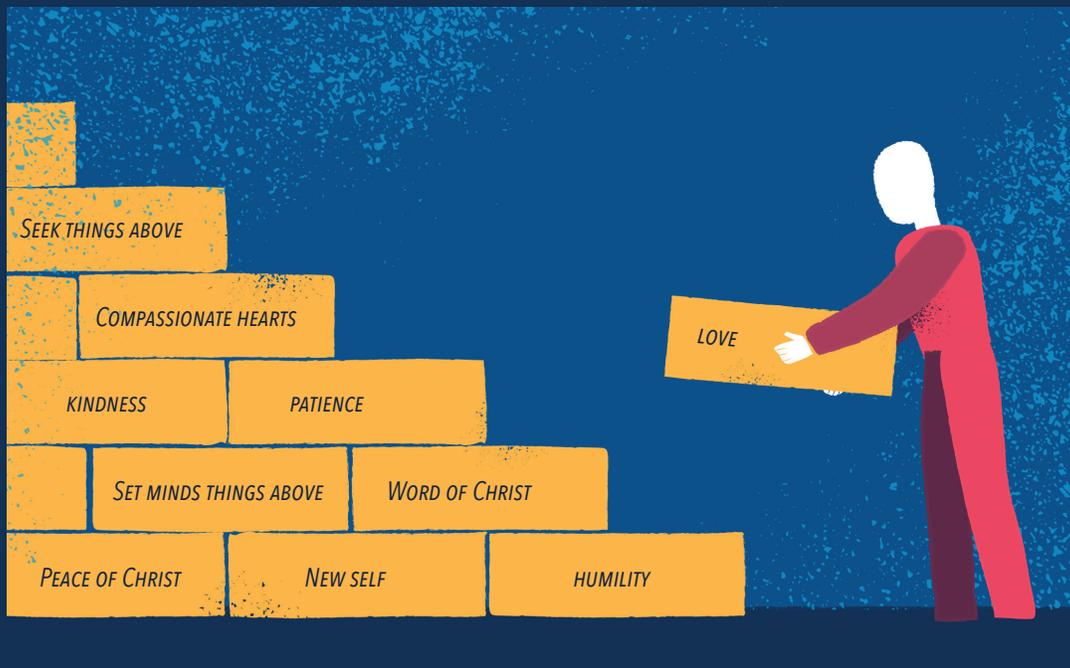


**FUNDAMENTALS OF GODLY LIVING**

# **Back to Basics**



**FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR WALKING WORTHY**

**PLEASING OUR LORD AT HOME AND AT WORK**

**THEREFORE, AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD, SO WALK IN HIM.**

(COLOSSIANS 2:6 ESV)

## **OUTLINE ... (Colossians 3:20-4:1 ESV)**

### **CHILDREN PRINCIPLE-OBEDIENCE**

- (Colossians 3:20 ESV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
- I. PRINCIPLE:** Complete obedience pleases the Lord.
- II. PRINCIPLE:** What is pleasing to the Lord establishes the parameters for obedience.

### **FATHERS PRINCIPLE-DISCERNMENT**

- (Colossians 3:21 ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
  - (Ephesians 6:4 ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- I. PRINCIPLE:** A father's authority must be directed by and exercised within the discipline and instruction of the Lord to avoid unnecessary resentment and discouragement.

### **BONDSERVANTS PRINCIPLES-OBEDIENCE**

- (Colossians 3:22 ESV) Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
- I. PRINCIPLE:** Complete obedience reveals an awareness of and a trust in the ultimate rule of God over the affairs of humans.
- II. PRINCIPLE:** Complete obedience reveals a sincere heart that bows before the majesty and might of an all-powerful, all-knowing, infinitely wise God.
- III. PRINCIPLE:** Complete obedience with a sincere heart reveals our genuine reverence for the Lord.
- IV. PRINCIPLE:** When we revere the Lord by our sincere obedience, we live in the presence of Almighty God.
- V. PRINCIPLE:** When we revere the Lord by our sincere obedience, we experience the unspeakable joy of pleasing the LORD God the Almighty.
- (Colossians 3:23-24 ESV) Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not

for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

- VI. PRINCIPLE:** Working wholeheartedly in whatever we do shows that we are looking to things above for our reward.
- (Colossians 3:1-2 ESV) If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.
- VII. PRINCIPLE:** Working wholeheartedly in whatever we do for the Lord reflects a true understanding of service to the Lord Christ.
- (Colossians 3:25 ESV) For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.
- VIII. PRINCIPLE:** Working wholeheartedly in whatever we do for the Lord demonstrates an attitude of trust in the impartial justice of God.

### **MASTERS PRINCIPLE-FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE**

- (Colossians 4:1 ESV) Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.
- I. PRINCIPLE:** Treating people under our authority justly and fairly shows our submission to, our love for and our trust in our true Master in heaven.



## **YOUR HR FILE**

## FOUNDATIONAL (FUNDAMENTAL) PRINCIPLES IN COLOSSIANS

### FOR WALKING WORTHY OF THE LORD AND PLEASING TO HIM

<p><b>Foundational/Fundamental Principle:</b> To walk in a manner worthy of the Lord we must be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 1:9-10 ESV) And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Foundational/Fundamental Principle:</b> To walk in a manner worthy of the Lord we must be rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 2:6-7 ESV) Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10 General "Walk Worthy" Principles for Everyone (Colossians 3:1-17)</b></p>	
<p><b>General Principle:</b> Seek the things that are above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:1 ESV) If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.</li> </ul>
<p><b>General Principle:</b> Set our minds on things that are above.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:2 ESV) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.</li> </ul>
<p><b>General Principle:</b> Put to death our former way of life—our earthly desires which find their roots in sexual immorality and idolatry so that we can use our bodies in a way that honors God.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:5 ESV) Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.</li> </ul>
<p><b>General Principle:</b> Put away all the unresolved anger and general bad feeling in our hearts that finds its way to our tongues and brings lying, disharmony and disunity to the body of our Lord Jesus.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:8-9 ESV) But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.</li> </ul>
<p><b>General Principle:</b> Put on our new self which is being renewed by information based on the image of our creator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:10 ESV) And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.</li> </ul>
<p><b>General Principle:</b> Put on the life worthy of God's chosen ones—his holy and beloved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:12-13 ESV) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.</li> </ul>

<b>General Principle:</b> Put on love.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:14 ESV) And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.</li> </ul>
<b>General Principle:</b> Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:15a ESV) And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ...</li> </ul>
<b>General Principle:</b> Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:16a ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...</li> </ul>
<b>General Principle:</b> Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:17 ESV) And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.</li> </ul>

### Specific Relationship Principles (Colossians 3:18-4:1)

<b>Wives Principle:</b> Submit to your husbands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:18 ESV) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.</li> </ul>
<b>Husbands Principle:</b> Love your wives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:19 ESV) Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.</li> </ul>
<b>Children Principle:</b> Obey your parents in everything.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:20 ESV) Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.</li> </ul>
<b>Fathers Principle:</b> Do not provoke your children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:21 ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.</li> </ul>
<b>Bondservants Principle:</b> Obey your earthly masters in everything.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 3:22-25 ESV) Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. 25 For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.</li> </ul>
<b>Masters Principle:</b> Treat your bondservants justly and fairly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(Colossians 4:1 ESV) Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.</li> </ul>