

RELATIONSHIPS that work

Whether it's the family, a football team, a bank, your YF/CF or the government, it can function properly only if the relationship between the members is good. Relationships with the people closest to you are usually the most difficult to maintain. But if you follow certain rules, you'll find that your relationships work better. Let's check out these rules.

READ COLOSSIANS 3: 18 - 4: 1

List the rules given for the following relationships to work.

Husbands and Wives (vs 18-19) _____

Parents and Children (vs 20-21) _____

Masters/Employers and Slaves/Employees (3:22 - 4: 1) _____

All the three relationships may not apply to you in your present state but you'll most probably enter work and marriage at some time or another. Hence, it's good to be prepared. Your relationship with your parents should be your main concern for now. Please note that the advice to "obey your parents in everything" (v 20) actually means "obey your parents in everything not sinful". And the motivation to obey them should come from your desire to please the Lord.

MAKE JESUS THE THIRD PARTY...

...in all your relationships. Since Jesus is your Lord, He is also Lord of all your relationships. Thank God for all your relationships and turn to Him when you encounter difficulties in your relationship with others.