

Communion Meditation – Colossians

Colossians 4.18-21

“Four Rules for Peaceful Homes”

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Four Simple Commands

- Paul switches from generalities to specifics quickly
- He gives 4 simple commands to his readers
- These commands fall upon deaf ears in 21st century America
 - But that’s because people don’t listen for God’s voice / Like we should
- Before I comment I want to share a contemporary parody

A Parody

- “Wives, rule over your own husbands; You know you’re better than them”
- “Husbands, be embittered towards your wives, but don’t dare let them see”
- “Children, whine and complain to get your way; Kid’s rule!”
- “Fathers, indulge your children, lest they throw tantrums in public”
 - **!!!**: Loser Riots – “**Generation Snowflake**”
- Most of us have glimpsed into homes that are topsy-turvy like this

Four Common Temptations

- These can be read as warnings against common temptations
 - Wives don’t want to submit – but to rule / Curse upon Eve
 - Husbands don’t want to rule in love – but in cruelty / Curse upon Adam
 - Children don’t want to obey – just have their way / Parents obstacles
 - Fathers, like tyrants, just want to crush any who dare question them
- We don’t have to reflect deeply on these matters to know they’re true

Eight Words

- Let’s read only the first 2 words from each of the 4 verses
- “Wives submit .. Husbands love .. Children obey .. Fathers don’t ..”
 - If families observed these 8 words diligently / Peace would rule home
 - **!!!**: Mailbox - Overheard mom/son speaking to one another (tease/argue)
- If peace is to rule in your home instead of chaos / Obey these 8 words

If peace does not reign in your home / Memorize these 8 words

Wives Submit / Husbands Love / Children Obey / Fathers Don’t

Jesus modeled perfect submission to God the Father’s will

Let’s do the same in the week ahead by obeying these 8 words