



The Christian Home Part 1!

July 23, 2023 – Col. 3:18-21

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Observations About Household Relationships

1. Though all are one in Christ, equal in value and worth, there are still distinct, God designed **roles** for a family.
2. These relationship roles are God **designed** to promote a thriving home.
3. Authority was never designed to be leveraged for **selfish** purposes.
4. The goal of all these relationships is for the **good** of the other person.
5. All these relationships are to be a **reflection** of the Lord Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think it is difficult for us to accept that God has designed authoritative structure in life for us to submit to?
2. In what ways have you seen others leverage their authority for selfish purposes? What resulted from such leadership?
3. What does servant leadership look like to you?
4. What all is at stake when it comes to how we interact with others that we have a relationship with?
5. Spend some time making a list of the pros and cons of engaging in relationships the way God designed. What conclusions did you come to?
6. What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

July 2023

(Two Year Reading Plan, Month 18)

Week 1 Starting July 3	Week 2 Starting July 10	Week 3 Starting July 17	Week 4 Starting July 24
Day 1: Ecclesiastes 10-12	Day 1: Matt 5-6	Day 1: Matt 13-14	Day 1: Matt 22-23
Day 2: Song of Songs 1-4	Day 2: Matt 7-8	Day 2: Matt 15-16	Day 2: Matt 24
Day 3: Song of Songs 5-8	Day 3: Matt 9	Day 3: Matt 17-18	Day 3: Matt 25
Day 4: Matt 1-2	Day 4: Matt 10-11	Day 4: Matt 19-20	Day 4: Matt 26
Day 5: Matt 3-4	Day 5: Matt 12	Day 5: Matt 21	Day 5: Matt 27-28
<p><i>So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Colossians 2:6-10 (NIV)</p>			

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