

Five cornered advice  
Col. 3:18-25

This scripture deals with the five slants or  
③ corners of family life. Wives are exhorted to be in  
obedience to their husbands. That is to say have some  
regard for your husband as the head of the home.  
For after all is said and done the father or  
rather the husband is rightfully the head of the home.  
He provides for the home he protects the home and  
is recognized by society as the Bible as the head so  
why should a wife revolt against him? ④ Husbands  
love your wives, treat them with same courtesy that  
you treat men on the street. You try being grumpy  
to your wife and then smile at other ladies or you smile  
at them and soon a powder can will be placed  
at your house. ⑤ Children obey your parents in all  
things for this is well pleasing in the Lord. I don't  
not say, "obey" when you think they are right and  
disobey when you think them wrong but obey your  
parents in all things. Give them credit for thinking  
they are right. ⑥ Fathers provoke not your chil-  
dren that they be not discouraged. And when you have  
treated your child wrong be big enough to soli-  
citize to it. ⑦ Now the fifth slant is "servants obey  
all things them that are your masters according to the  
flesh; not with eye-service as men pleasers but in  
singleness of heart fearing the Lord - (Text) what so-  
ever ye do work heartily as unto the Lord and not  
unto men knowing that from the Lord ye shall re-  
ceive the recompense - - - whether you are a wife,  
husband child father or servant work for the eyes of  
God and not for the commendation of man.

"whatsoever ye do" implies that people are really  
to be doing some thing. The Lord has a patience with a  
lazy man. In the sight of the Lord it is just as reli-  
gious to work six days as it is to rest the seventh.  
Better in His eyes to "wear out" than to "rust out". He would  
have you to work unto the Lord and not ungodly  
work. He would have you do work that you are  
fitted to do. G. Black Smith said to me one day  
"I never have a pastor who worked at my  
black smith shop nearly all the time. Well you  
know he should have been a black smith."  
He misinterpreted his calling maybe, but the  
one who heard a voice from the wood and

day and it said "H P" and I he interpreted it to mean  
"I'll preach" and a good sister one day hearing  
him telling his experience and at some time  
bewailing his failure in the ministry said "Bro.  
A - you just misinterpreted the letters H. P. that means  
"His plow". Farmer can't work in a blacksmith  
shop all day and get up his trousers and he should not  
be expected to do that to spare his friendship to the  
B. Smith. Farmer can't haul gravel all day and  
do his banking right and he should not be ex-  
pected to do so just to spare his friendship to the  
lone who hauls gravel. I can't clerk in a store  
all day and do my pastoral work or get up a master-  
piece like I am delivering to you to day.  
Oh well I might clerk all day and get up a sermon  
on "The high cost of living" for I would have lots  
of material to work on", the Lord wants you to work  
the work which you are called to do. Do something

not only do but "do heartily" you know how it is  
when you employ a man to spade your garden and  
he comes and he pushes the shovel in the  
ground like he was slipping up on a bird. The  
owner or a minute converses with some  
person two blocks away. I employ a man once in  
while to clean my back yard and if I hire him  
by the job I have to leave my work to see that he  
does the job all right. if I hire him by the hour  
it takes him all day to do it. "Heartly service"  
if you employ a person in your store and he has  
drapery that drops down every time he  
passes the box or counter you soon give him  
the cause of unheartly service.

I knew a boy whose father had to make  
him get up in the morning with a buggy whip  
and he had to be in after him all the day long.  
I wonder how the Lord feels about some of my colon  
times as servants in his vineyard. He has to  
look and look us to make us go.

I knew another boy who in his teen age  
would play or play till he could not go any further  
and would sit down and cry. you should have seen  
the look of father for him and should have  
heard the comment of the country side.

about that young man.

Do something. Do something heartily. and lost  
but not least 'Do something heartily as unto the Lord'  
and not unto men.

The many of us lose sight of what the Lord  
thinks about us as we try to please men &  
hold our position. If people would abuse you  
in your work, misjudge your motives, unfairly  
outcast you do not be discouraged. In the  
language of Dave Brighen in a letter to me  
a few days ago in speaking about our  
church building he said "you may expect  
criticism but live your life in your own  
way and be not discouraged." whatever people  
think say, or do about you let your work  
remember that it is the Lord who shall recom-  
pense thee.

I want to reemphasize that you to  
do your own work - the work the Lord wants  
to do and not think some body else will  
for you. A modern poet did not go far at  
all when he said:

"The Lord had a job for me one day  
But I had too much to do  
I said 'you get some body else  
Or wait till I get thru with'  
I don't know the Lord came out  
But He seemed to get angry  
But I felt kinder sneaking because I  
knew I'd done Him wrong

One day I needed the Lord - needed Him myself  
and needed Him right away.  
And He never answered me at all  
But I could hear Him say

Damn in my accusing heart na  
I've got too much to do  
you get some body else or  
wait till I get through.

Now when the Lord has a job for me  
I never try to shirk  
I drop what I have on hand  
And do the good Lord's work  
And my affairs can run along  
Or wait till I get through  
No body can do the job that  
~~God has marked out for you~~