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list required?



What would you list as assets?

*What I have*

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## Colossians 3 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.

<sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.



## Colossians 3 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup> For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.



## Colossians 4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.



Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. **NIV**

Devote yourselves to prayer. Be alert and thankful when you pray. **ISV**



## What we have include

- i. Wives
- ii. Husbands
- iii. Children
- iv. Fathers (parents incl mothers)
- v. Bondservants (employee)
- vi. Masters (employer, biz owner)

What your family or work status  
Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.



# Whatever my role at home/work



>wives >husbands >children >fathers >bondservants >masters

I am encouraged, expected, instructed to  
*Devote myself to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.*

# A few misconceptions

-  Hypocrites also pray but don't copy them
  - engage in public prayer to be seen of men
-  Prayer is primarily a private affair but does not frown at public prayer
-  Prayer is not measured by the volume of words.
  - But the condition of the heart
  - Prayer does not stand-alone of the other areas of our life
-  Prayer is not to tell God what He does not know.  
He is omniscient



# A few misconceptions

 Prayer is not a court appearance



# Prayer is therefore not a court appearance

A teaching seems to have spread in recent years that paints prayer as a court appearance. In a courtroom setting, the adversary would be the prosecutor who brings charges. The advocate is the opposite of the prosecutor. He is the attorney who defends us.



*So in the court of Heaven—whether we're praying for our individual needs, our family, our nation, or whatever the situation—we are pleading the rights of those involved. And those rights are based on the will of God in Heaven.*



# The Son now judges

## John 5 (NKJV)

**22** For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, **23** that all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father. He who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent Him.

**27** and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.



# The Son now is the Judge

<sup>42</sup> And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead. [**Acts 10 NKJV**]

<sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”  
[**Acts 17 NKJV**]



# The Son now is the Judge

<sup>16</sup> in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel. [**Romans 2 NKJV**]

<sup>1</sup> I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: [**2 Timothy 4:1 NKJV**]



## But what about 1 Peter 1:17?

<sup>17</sup> And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay *here* in fear;  
[1 Peter 1:17 NKJV]

Compare what Peter writes [in 1 Peter 1] and he says in Acts 10

<sup>42</sup> And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead. [Acts 10 NKJV]



# The Son as Judge is prophesied in OT

"Behold, *the* days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. **Jeremiah 23:5 (NKJV)**

'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

**Jeremiah 33:15 (NKJV)**

# Prayer is therefore not a court appearance

Jesus has paved the way for us to approach God as Father. Follow in footsteps



## Jesus' prayer in John 17



<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,

<sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.



## Jesus' prayer in John 17

<sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.



## Jesus' prayer in John 17

<sup>21</sup> that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.



## Jesus' prayer in John 17



<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.



# Jesus' prayer in John 17

<sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.



# Father in various languages

otac

pare

far

aita

baba

бацька

tată

Prayer is NOT a court appearance





What is God  
saying to you?

What are you  
going to do  
about it?



# **We Declare**

The name of the Lord is a strong tower in  
which we live