



CHRIST
above all



EXALTING CHRIST IN ALL YOU DO

COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

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17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Outline:

- Exalting Christ in Your **Marriage** (18-19)
- Exalting Christ in Your **Family** (20-21)
- Exalting Christ in Your **Vocation** (22-1)

Colossians 3:18-19

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

Colossians 3:20-21

20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

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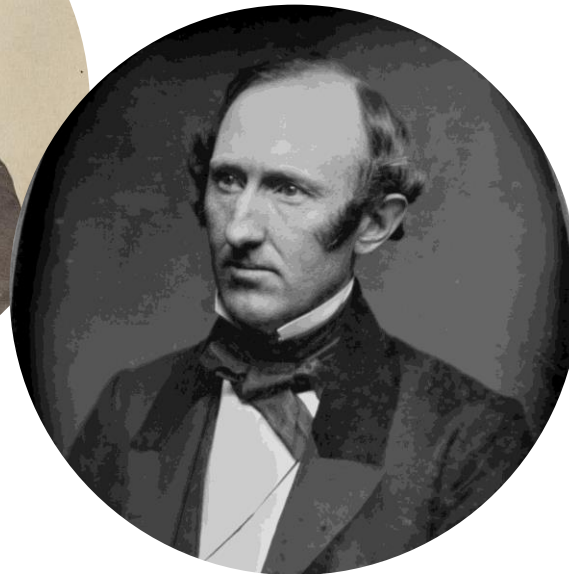
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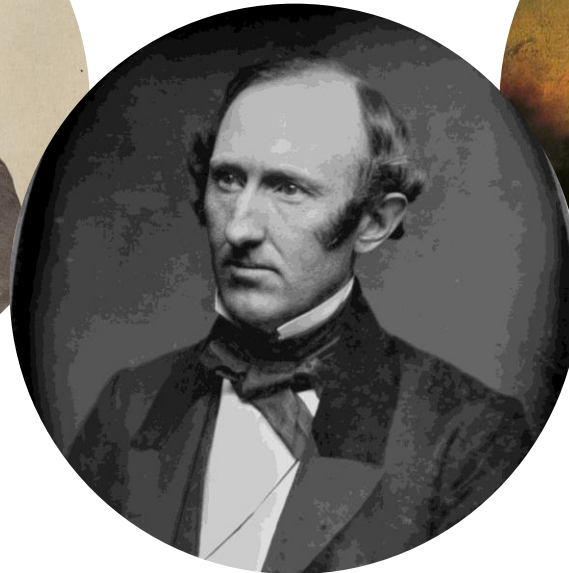
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