

Colossians Series

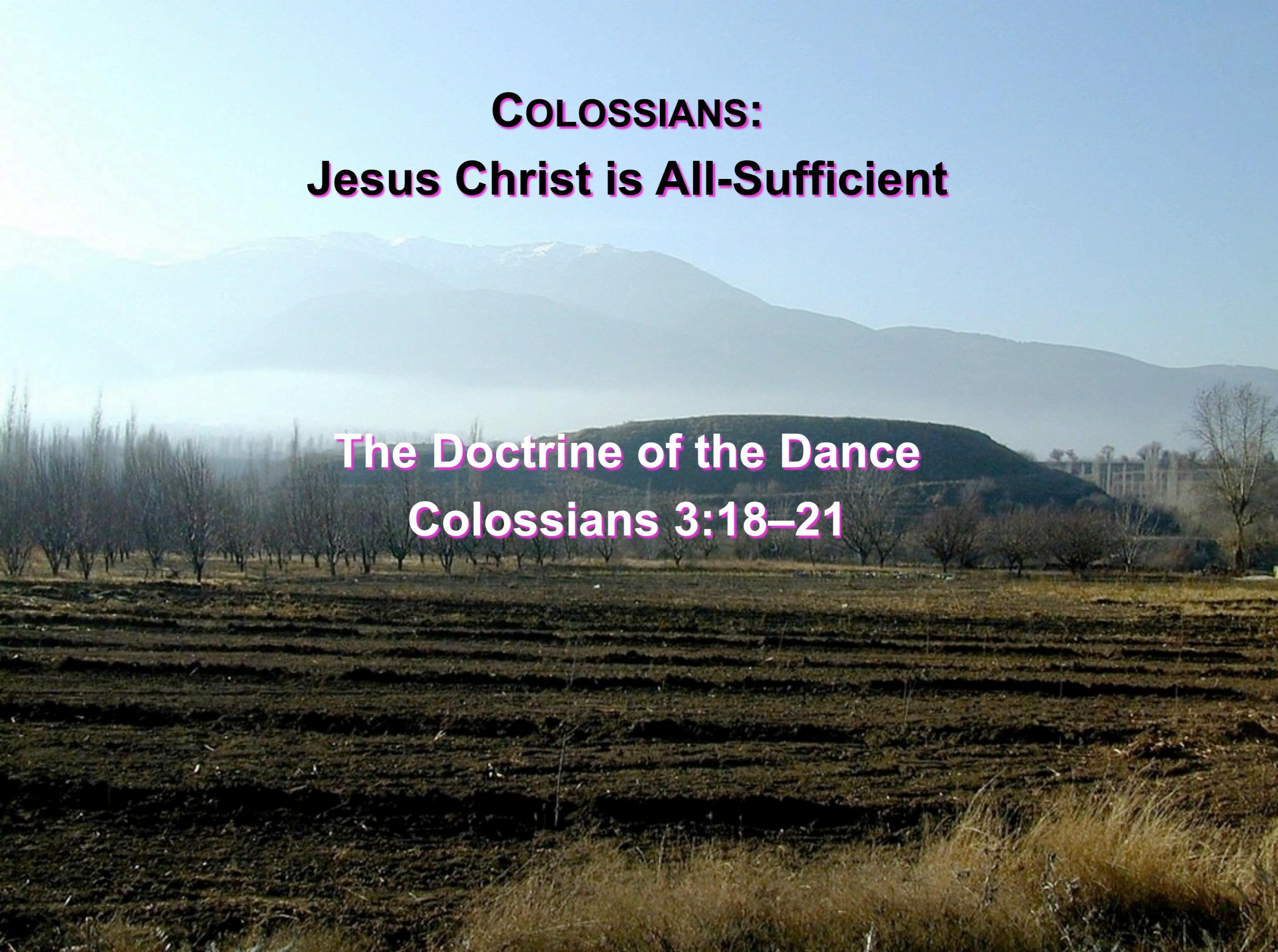
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A landscape photograph showing a field of young trees in the foreground, a line of taller trees in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

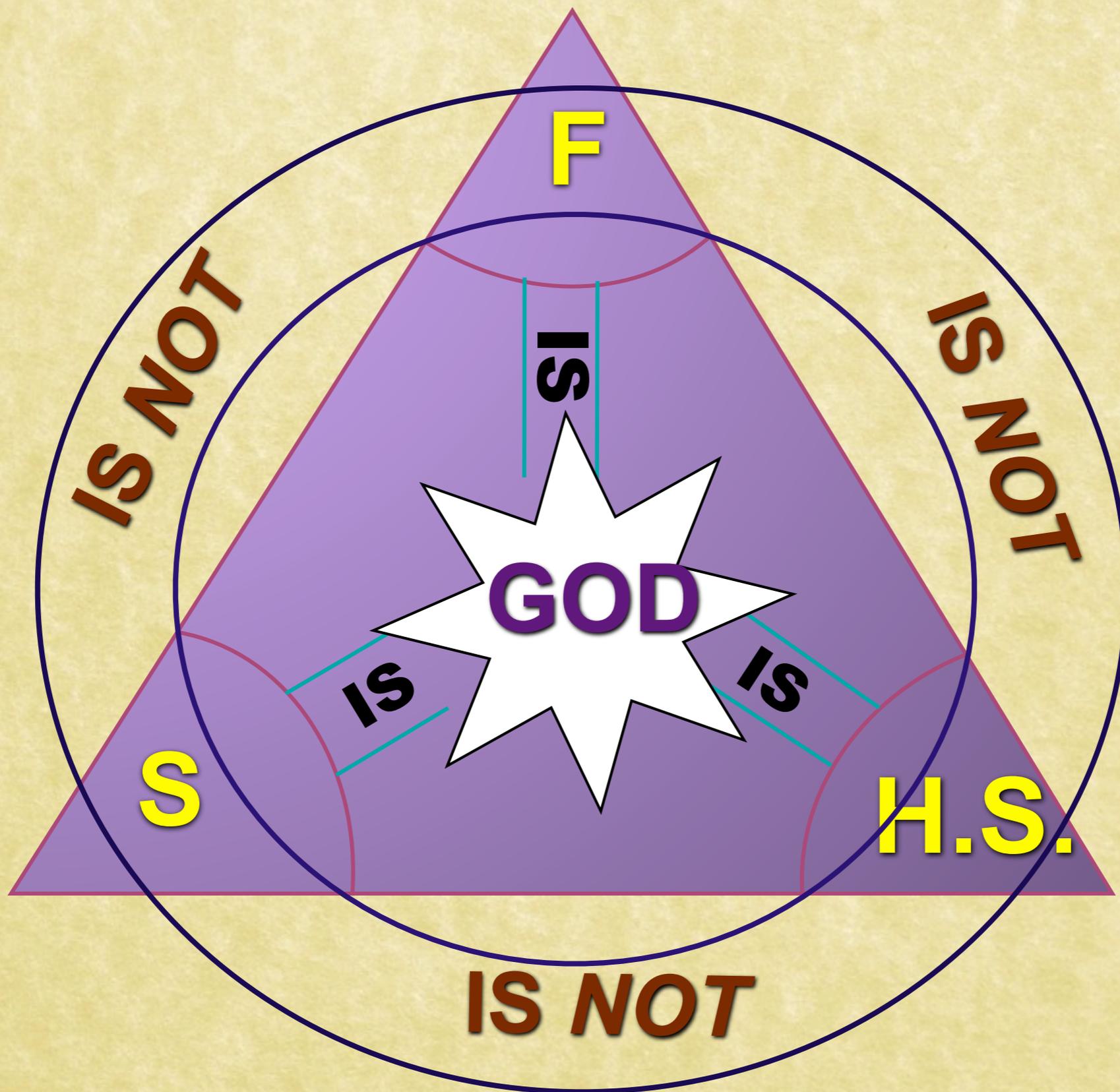
The Doctrine of the Dance
Colossians 3:18–21

Col. 3:18, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Col. 3:19, “Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Col. 3:20, “Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

Col. 3:21, “Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”



Divine Purpose, Judgment, Redemption Solution

Purpose

- To co-rule;
- To assist, help Adam;
- To multiply & fill the earth

Judgment

- Desire to rule over her husband
- Increased pain, sorrow in relation to birth

Redemption

- Submit to your husband as is fitting in the Lord (Col. 3:18, Eph. 5:22, 23)

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PERFECT ENVIRONMENT

SINFUL, WORLDLY ENVIRONMENT

SPIRITUAL RECOVERY

- To co-rule, lead;
- To guard, keep the garden;
- To multiply & fill the earth

- In toil you will eat
- Opposition from creation (thorns, thistles)
- Sweat of your brow

- Love your wife as Christ loved the church, and do not be embittered against her. (Col. 3:19, Eph. 5:24–33)

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Conclusions

- 1. Authority as a principle is intrinsically good.**
- 2. Authority was never designed as a solution to the chaos of sin.**
- 3. Subordination is not intrinsically bad, but reflects the need for order and mutual dependence.**
- 4. The belief that submission implies inferiority is an assault on the Trinity, the Incarnation, the cross, and therefore on the foundation of all biblical teaching.**
- 5. Authority and submission are corrupted by sin, sinful creatures, and cultures.**

Conclusions

- 6. The only solution begins at the cross, which removes the judgment of sin, and provides the foundation for understanding and restoring our God-designed purposes and roles.**
- 7. Only through the filling of the Holy Spirit and the rich indwelling of the Word of Christ can the corruption of sin in our thinking, our marriages, our families, be reversed so we can truly pursue God's plan for our lives.**

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Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Eph. 5:24, “Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”

The Doctrine of the Dance: Lessons Learned About Marriage From Dancing

Lam. 5:15,

“The joy of our heart has ceased;

Our dance has turned into mourning.”

- 1. Dancing involves teamwork with clearly defined rules and roles for each member of the team.**

2. Two people cannot dance together without a common goal.

3. Like any team, dancing has specifically defined roles for the two participants. In dancing, the male is the leader and the woman is the follower. This means the man initiates, plans, directs the movements of the woman.

4. In the dance the leader and follower positions are not related to the skill level of the dancers. The male, leader, may be less graceful and skilled than the partner, yet she yields to his leadership in grace.

5. In dancing each person has specific footwork that must be learned and practiced in order to develop grace and fluidity. This demands thought and concentration. When emotion takes over, mistakes occur.

6. In dancing, the male, through good leads, can make his partner look graceful and keep her from making mistakes.

7. The male as the leader plans and initiates the various moves, he must always be thinking 5 or 6 steps ahead. He must be thinking about where they are going on the dance floor, where other people or obstacles exist, and how to avoid them. He must maintain control because the woman cannot see where they are going.

8. In the dance the leader must learn and study his partner to know how to lead her effectively.

9. The man must learn to listen to his partner.

10. The woman must learn to communicate to the man without challenging his tender male ego.

11. The woman must learn to let the man lead.

12. The woman is unaware of where the man is going and of his plans, she must constantly be ready to respond and shift according to his lead. This means she must develop incredible amounts of flexibility.

13. The woman must continue to follow as best she can no matter how faulty his leadership. If the man is a failure in his leadership, she can still be a success in her role.

14. Trouble starts when they quit thinking and start emoting, taking one another for granted and thinking things will just happen on their own. They won't. The moment you stop thinking you put everything in danger.

15. Success ultimately is based on consistency and practice. Many mistakes are made, but as long as the goal is kept by the two, it can be accomplished.

16. As the two work together, mutual respect and admiration develop. Confidence increases.