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### **1) Husbands and Wives**

- Grace-filled *respect*  
for my husband
- Grace-filled *love*  
for my wife

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— Grace-filled *obedience*  
for my parents

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

*(Colossians 3:20, NIV)*



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### **2) Parents and Children**

— Grace-filled *obedience*  
for my parents

— Grace-filled ***encouragement***  
**for my children**

“Fathers, do not **embitter** your children, or they will become **discouraged.**”

*(Colossians 3:21, NIV)*



“Fathers, do not **embitter** your  
children, for they will become

“**exasperate**”

or

“**irritate**”

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**3) **Bosses and Workers****

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— Grace-filled *diligence*  
for my employer

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### **3) Bosses and Workers**

- Grace-filled *diligence*  
for my employer
- Grace-filled ***justice***  
**for my workers**



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NOTE:

In the book of **Philemon**, sent with the book of **Colossians** to a member of the church there, **Paul pleads for the freedom of a slave.**



Anthony Ashley Cooper  
1st Earl of Shaftesbury, England  
(1621 - 1683)

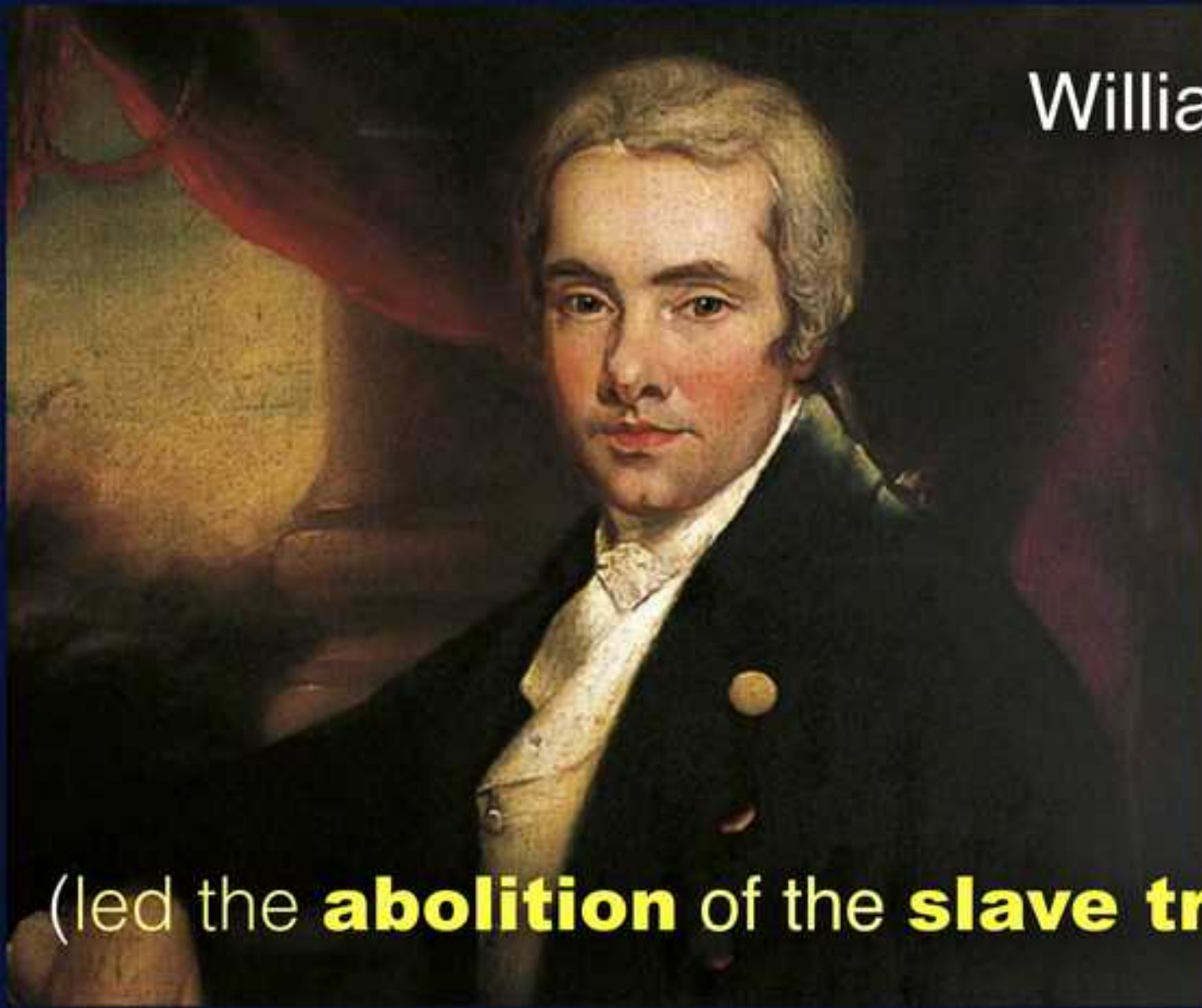
(promoted English **legislative reform**)





Elizabeth Fry  
(1780 - 1845)

(social reformer/ English **prison reformer**)



William Wilberforce  
(1759 - 1833)

(led the **abolition** of the **slave trade** in England)



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