

LESSON 17
SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER: THE FAMILY & SLAVES
EPHESIANS 6:1-9

Key to the Passage: Ephesians 5:18, 21

- The Spirit-filled life is the key to the relationship with _____.

I. Instructions for Children (6:1-3)

A. The command (6:1a)

- Children are to be obedient to _____.
- This command does not apply to _____.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:24

B. The manner (6:1b)

- They are to obey as one who seeks to _____.

C. The reason (6:1c)

- It is _____.

D. The basis (6:2)

- It is _____ as God commanded.

E. The result (6:3)

- Obedience brings _____.
- This stability is _____ that comes from obedience.

II. Instructions for parents (6:4)

A. The negative command (6:4a)

- Parents are not to exasperate their children with _____.

B. The positive command (6:4b)

- Parents are to guide the _____.

III. Instructions to Slaves (6:5-8)

Note: Slavery in the Roman era was different from our concept of slavery, which is based upon our nation's history. Roman slaves could hold property and conduct business. Some even own other slaves. Our closest association to this passage is the relationship between employer and employee.

A. Be obedient to your master (6:5-6a)

1. With respect (6:5)

- Paul tells them to serve their masters with _____.
- The word "fear" means _____.

2. With fear (6:5)

- Paul tells to serve with recognition of _____.

3. With sincerity (6:5-5)

- Paul tells them to be _____ in their service.

B. It is the will of God (6:6b-7)

1. We are God's slaves (6:6b)

- Paul reminds them that they _____.

2. We are doing God's will (6:6b)

- Paul tells them that their service is _____.

3. We are serving God not man (6:7)

- Paul reminds them that they are _____.

C. Their reward is in heaven (6:8)

- Our reward in heaven is based upon _____.

II. Instructions to Masters (6:9)

A. The treatment of slaves

- Paul tells masters to treat _____.

B. Forsake threats

- Paul tells them to _____.

C. Recognize God's coming judgment

- Paul reminds them that they _____.