

Children and Parents - [Ephesians 6:1-4](#)

Topics: [Children](#), [Discipline](#), [Discouragement](#), [Honor](#), [Instructions](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Marriage](#),
[Parents](#), [Promises](#), [Training](#)

Open It

1. What are some of the enjoyable aspects of being a parent?
2. How do you treat children differently from the way your parents treated you?
3. *If you could change one thing about your parents, what would you change?

Explore It

4. Why is a child's obedience to his or her parents pleasing to the Lord? ([6:1](#))
5. Why should children obey parents? ([6:1](#))
6. How is obedience to parents part of a child's obligation to Christ? ([6:1](#))
7. *What does it mean to "honor your father and mother"? ([6:2-3](#))
8. What was promised to Israelite children who obeyed their parents? ([6:2-3](#))
9. How does God's commandment and promise to children hold true today? ([6:2-3](#))
10. *What does God want fathers not to do? ([6:4](#))
11. What does God want fathers to do? ([6:4](#))
12. *How should children be reared and nourished? ([6:4](#))
13. How is the Lord to be the center of parent-child relationships? ([6:4](#))

Get It

14. Why should parents pay attention to their child's natural bent?
15. *Why is it easier for children to obey fair and loving parents than unreasonable and demanding parents?
16. How does rearing children in the "training and instruction of the Lord" provide guidelines for fathers?
17. *How does honoring your parents bring you blessing?
18. How do you feel about your ability to be a good parent?
19. How can the Lord support you in your role as a parent?
20. How can a parent avoid exasperating his or her children?

Apply It

21. *What can you do to improve or strengthen your relationship with your parents?
22. How can you avoid exasperating your children?
23. How do you need to nurture healthy family relationships this week?

Slaves and Masters - [Ephesians 6:5-9](#)

Topics: [Favoritism](#), [Heart](#), [Jesus Christ](#), [Obedience](#), [Respect](#), [Rewards](#), [Serving](#), [Sincerity](#), [Slavery](#), [Work](#)

Open It

1. Had you lived long ago and owned slaves, what kind of slave owner would you have been?
2. *If you were a slave, what would be the worst part of being someone's property?

Explore It

3. *Why did Paul tell slaves to obey their masters "with respect and fear"? ([6:5](#))
4. What did Paul tell slaves to do? ([6:5-8](#))
5. What responsibilities did slaves have to their masters? ([6:5-8](#))
6. How did Paul transform the work of the slave? ([6:5-8](#))
7. *How could slaves serve the Lord while working for their masters? ([6:5-8](#))
8. *How would slaves benefit from winning the favor of their masters? ([6:6](#))
9. With what attitude should the slave serve his master? ([6:7](#))
10. What reward for Christian service could the slave expect? ([6:7-8](#))
11. What directives did Paul give slave owners? ([6:9](#))
12. Why did Paul warn owners against abusing their slaves? ([6:9](#))
13. How does God view rank or social status? ([6:9](#))

Get It

14. *Why did Paul call slaves to obey and not to revolt against the system of slavery?
15. How were Paul's instructions helpful and protective to both slave and slave owner?
16. How did Paul's words to slaves and masters relate to the teaching in the rest of his letter to the Ephesians?
17. How do we enslave certain groups in our society?
18. How does God want us to treat people who are subordinate to us?
19. How does God want us to treat people who are over us?
20. *How does God want us to treat all people with whom we work?
21. When should Christians work for social justice?
22. What importance do you attach to rank or social status?
23. What importance should we attach to rank or social status?

Apply It

24. How can you improve your attitude toward someone you work with?
25. *How can you remember to serve all people wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord?