

## **Honouring the Lord Jesus at Home and at Work (Ephesians 6:1-9)**

### **Introduction:**

If we are going to "walk in wisdom" (Eph 5:15) and "redeem the time" (Eph 5:16) and "do God's will" (Eph 5:17) and "be filled with the Holy Spirit" (Eph 5:18) in our family relationships, and in our jobs in the workplace - then we must put into practice the teaching of Ephesians ch.6, v.1-9.

These instructions for children, fathers, slaves and masters not only show us "how to live," but they also provide us with gracious, Christ-centered reasons for daily living.

### **Sermon Outline:**

**As wise, Spirit-filled believers in Jesus Christ:**

**1. We are called to be obedient & respectful towards those who are in authority over us.**

- Children, obey your parents in the Lord... (v.1-3)
- Slaves, obey your masters... as serving the Lord... (v.5-8)

See also Matthew 6:1-18; 10:42; 16:27; Hebrews 11:6

\*Christian obedience comes from faith in God, looking forward to God's reward.

**2. We are called to use our authority carefully, according to God's own character.**

- Fathers, do not exasperate, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord (v.4)
- Masters, in the same way, do not threaten... (v.9)

\*We should only lead others with graciousness and respect, according to Jesus' own character.

### **Questions for Reflection:**



## Personal Study Notes

Ephesians 6:1-9

<sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,  
<sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward everyone  
for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

*Ephesians 6:7-8*

Children and Parents (6:1-4)

Slaves and Masters (6:5-9)

Whatever good anyone does . . . he will receive back from the Lord (6:8)

### Questions or Insights for Discussion:

- 1)
- 2)

