

Living in Relationships:

Children and Parents; Slaves and Masters

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Big Idea: Paul gives a variety of instructions to various members of the Christian household on how to think and conduct themselves as believers in their respective roles.

A focus on knowing the Lord and pleasing Him is the primary motivation for each member of the household for fulfilling their role within the family.

• Ephesians 6:1-4

• To Children:

• To Parents:

• Ephesians 6:5-9

• To Slaves:

• To Masters:

• Takeaways:

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Ephesians 6:1-9 (week of Jan 26, 2020)

Spend some time catching up and talking story.

Spend some time in the text — Read Ephesians 6:1-9 together.

Review (Ephesians 5:21-33):

- Why is a marriage a picture of Christ and His relationship with the church (His body)?
 - How can marriage be a witness to the unbelieving world?
- What is the final admonition in Ephesians 5:33?

Children and Parents (Ephesians 6:1-4):

- What is the world's view of families today?
- According to Ephesians 6:1, what attitude is a child to have toward his/her parents?
- What commandment is given in Ephesians 6:2, and what is the resulting promise in Ephesians 6:3?
- Look up and discuss these passages (remember that proverbs are wisdom, not promises):
 - Proverbs 6:20-23
 - Proverbs 23:22-25
 - Colossians 3:20
- If a child becomes a believer and his/her parents are not believers, does this change the principle in Ephesians 6:1-3? Why or why not?
- Compare Ephesians 6:4 with Colossians 3:21. What is the primary commandment given to the father?
 - What do you think this means?

Slaves and Masters (Ephesians 6:5-9):

- Compare Ephesians 6:5-8 with Colossians 3:22-24. What words describe how a slave is to obey and what is to be his primary motivation for obedience?
- What kind of attitude is the master to have toward his slave and for that reason? See Ephesians 6:9.
- In what situations can we apply these principles?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.

- Pray through Ephesians 5:1-6:9. Pray that the Lord will give us the strength and power to obey His words to us. Pray specifically for situations in our lives that require a submissive spirit.
- Thank God for giving us His Spirit to guide us and empower us.