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Six Groups

Cultural Characteristics

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Husbands

Children

Fathers

Slaves (Bondservants)

Masters

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3. The motive for going beyond expectations, is God’s love and grace for us.