

Ephesians Class Notes April 1. 2012

Chapter 6: 1-9

Key verses 1-3

In chapter six Paul continues his theme on our submission. As in last week's lesson he makes it clear that our submission to each other is based on our submission to Jesus.

Vs. 1-3

Children are told to obey and to honor their fathers and mothers. This is the fifth Commandment listed in the ten. However Paul writes, that it is the first Commandment with promise, and he gives us the promise in verse three. Obey your parents so it may go well with you and you may enjoy long life on the earth.

Deuteronomy 5:16. Jesus is telling us through His Apostle Paul, that children must be obedient to their parents in the same way we are obedient to the will of Jesus.

Vs. 4

Paul tells all fathers not to push our children to the point of rage. Instead we are to love them, protect them, provide for them and teach them in the instruction of the Lord. Col. 3:21. God expects us to instill the word of God in our children, so when they are adults they will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6 God also expects us to discipline our children. Proverbs 23:13-14

Vs. 5-9

In verses five through nine, because of the first century culture, Paul addresses the relationship between slaves and their masters. These teachings can be applied to the relationship between workers and their supervisors in our culture today. The message is the same. Workers and supervisors should treat each other with respect. Each should honor their commitment to each other. Philemon 1:4-21.