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“The Value of Obedience”

Ephesians 6:1-9

SCRIPTURE

6 Children, obey our parents in the Lord; for this is right. 2[a] Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), 3 that it may be well with thee, and thou [b]mayest live long on the [c]earth. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

5 [d]Servants, be obedient unto them that according to the flesh are your [e]masters, with fear and trembling in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 not in the way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as [f]servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the [g]heart; 7 with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; 8 knowing that whatsoever good thing each one doeth, the same shall he receive again from the Lord, whether he be bond or free. 9 And, ye [h]masters, do the same things unto them, and forbear threatening; knowing that he who is both their Master and ours is in heaven, and there is no respect of persons with him.

CHILDREN

- A. Obey
 - 1. Listen
 - 2. Answer a knock at the door
- B. As to the Lord
- C. Right thing to do
- D. Commandment with a promise
 - 1. A promise rather than a warning
 - 2. Focus on God, not man

FATHERS

- A. Don't provoke children
 - 1. Don't tease
 - 2. Not toward anger
- B. Bring them up
 - 1. Nourishment
 - 2. Ephesians 5:29
- C. Discipline and training
- D. Be the best example of obedience

SERVANTS

- A. Slaves and bondservants
 - 1. Paying off debts
 - 2. Freed after 7 years
- B. Obey earthly masters
- C. Same sincerity as with Christ
 - 1. Concern for retribution of disobedience
 - 2. Good = gentle, noble
- D. True service
 - 1. Trustworthy
 - 2. Hear
 - 3. Attitude
- E. A return from the Lord
 - 1. NOT health and wealth gospel
 - 2. Similar to Beatitudes
(Sermon on the Mount)

MASTERS

- A. The same way
 - 1. Same as previous (slaves, fathers, children, husbands, wives, believers)
 - 2. Faithfulness to God more than man
- B. Same heavenly master
- C. God does not show partiality

OBEDIENCE

- A. A character issue
- B. Combination of respect, honor, value, and faithfulness
- C. A Reflection of faith

LIVE IT OUT

- A. Attitude
- B. Character
- C. Focus of faith

"Obedience is a reflection of our faith."

