

“Honoring Christ at Home and at Work”
“Ephesians” — Part 17
Ephesians 6:1-9

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
Ephesians 5:21

1. The Obedience Principle

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
Ephesians 6:1

And the Lord said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. Therefore, I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'" 1 Samuel 3:11-14

Let your yes be yes and your no mean no!

2. The Honor Principle

"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."
Ephesians 6:2-3

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets."
Matthew 23:29-31

It is a spirit of religiosity that gives honor to what God has done in the past while resisting what He is doing in the present.

3. The Instruction Principle

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4

***One of the foundations of discipline
and instruction is consistency.
Discipline is more than punishment!***

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home

and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

4. The Wholehearted or Brother Principle

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

Ephesians 6:5-8

***“Caesar sought to change men by changing institutions.
Jesus changed institutions by changing men.”***

Will Durant—Historian

...no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother...

Philemon 16

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalms 16:11

5. The Hebrew National Principle

And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Ephesians 6:9

“We answer to a higher authority!”

Hebrew National Hot Dogs—Slogan

We are called to a different kind of leadership.

...“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:25-28