

## Ephesians 6:1-9

**1-3.** Children, OBEY your parents **in the Lord**, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother', which is the first **commandment with promise**; 'That it may be well with you and you may **live long on the Earth**.'

- **Proverbs 3:1-2** "My \_\_\_\_\_, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; for \_\_\_\_\_ of days and \_\_\_\_\_ they will add to you."
- **Psalms 34:11-14** "Come, you \_\_\_\_\_, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is the man who desires \_\_\_\_\_, and loves \_\_\_\_\_ that he may see \_\_\_\_\_? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do \_\_\_\_\_; seek \_\_\_\_\_, and pursue it."
- **Colossians 3:20** "Children, \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord."
- **Proverbs 23:22** "Listen to your \_\_\_\_\_ who begot you, and do not \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ when she is old."
- **Proverbs 30:11-12** "There is a generation that \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_, and does not \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_. There is a generation that is PURE in its \_\_\_\_\_, yet is not washed from its \_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: "Commandment with a promise"** - Keeping God's commandments does not EARN us our salvation (salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ ONLY), but obedience AFFECTS the QUALITY of our lives here on EARTH, and the LENGTH of our lives.

**Definition: "Obey in the Lord"** - This means to OBEY our human parents as long as they are NOT asking us to do something that is AGAINST a COMMAND of the Lord. The same thing is meant by Eph. 5:21-22 "SUBMITTING to one another **in fear of God**. Wives, SUBMIT to your own husbands, **AS TO THE LORD**. We are not to SUBMIT or OBEY church leader, or a wife is not to obey her husband, if they ask us to do something that is AGAINST A WRITTEN COMMAND of God in the Bible.

**4.** And you, fathers (parents), DO NOT **provoke your children to wrath**, but bring them up in the TRAINING and ADMONITION of the Lord.

- **Proverbs 3:11-12** "My son, DO NOT despise the \_\_\_\_\_ (discipline) of the Lord, not detest (hate) His \_\_\_\_\_; for whom the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_, just as a \_\_\_\_\_ [corrects] the \_\_\_\_\_ in whom he delights."
- **Proverbs 22:6** "\_\_\_\_\_ up a \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ go, and when he is old, he will not \_\_\_\_\_ from it."
- **Proverbs 29:17** "\_\_\_\_\_ your son, and he will give you \_\_\_\_\_; yes he will give \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Proverbs 29:22** "An \_\_\_\_\_ man stirs up \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ man abounds in \_\_\_\_\_ (sin)."

**Definition: "PROVOKE your children TO WRATH"** - Children need LOVING, CONSISTENT discipline, correction and TRAINING from their parents. If they don't get it; if they get NO DISCIPLINE, or INCONSISTENT discipline (the LAZY PARENT), or are "disciplined" in ANGER (the parents **taking out their FRUSTRATIONS** on the child in ANGER or even VIOLENCE), the children will grow up ANGRY THEMSELVES, thinking repeatedly, "NOTHING I ever do is right," "I can NEVER PLEASE my parents," "I'm a LOSER," etc. This is very DESTRUCTIVE, not only to the child, but to THEIR children, and on down for many generations (see Exodus 20:5).

**Definition: "ADMONITION"** - GENTLE reproof, counsel or WARNING of consequences of disobedience; ENCOURAGEMENT and advice, especially in indicating **duties and obligations**.

**5-6. SERVANTS**, be obedient to those who are your **masters according to the flesh**, with fear and trembling, **in sincerity of heart**, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as **servants of Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart.

- **Colossians 3:22-25** "Servants, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in \_\_\_\_\_ of heart, fearing \_\_\_\_\_. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the \_\_\_\_\_ and not to me, knowing that from the \_\_\_\_\_ you will receive the reward of inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

**Definition: "Eyeservice, as men-pleasers"** - Doing what is right, or working hard ONLY when someone is WATCHING.

- **Read Matthew 6:1-6** ( Verse 5 ) "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward [*this is their ONLY reward*]."

**Definition: "Masters according to the flesh"** - Your Earthly "master," or EMPLOYER. These scriptural principles APPLY TO US today in our EMPLOYEE/EMPLOYER relationships.

**7. With good will doing SERVICE, as to the Lord**, and not to men.

- **Colossians 3:17** "And \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ in word or \_\_\_\_\_, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."
- **I Peter 4:11** "If anyone \_\_\_\_\_, let him speak as the oracles of God. If any \_\_\_\_\_ ( serves ), let him do it as with the ability which God \_\_\_\_\_, that in all things \_\_\_\_\_ may be \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, to whom belong the \_\_\_\_\_ and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

**8. Knowing that whatever GOOD anyone does**, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is slave or free.

- **Galatians 6:7-9** "Do not be deceived, God is not \_\_\_\_\_; for whatever a man \_\_\_\_\_, that he will also \_\_\_\_\_. For he who sows to his flesh ( the "old man," our SIN NATURE ) will of the flesh reap \_\_\_\_\_, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing \_\_\_\_\_, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

**Definition: "MOCK"** - To treat with CONTEMPT, insult; to DEFY or CHALLENGE.

**Definition: "SOWING and REAPING"** - Sowing means planting seed, and reaping means harvesting or gathering the crop that has grown from those seeds. For Christians, this means that we may still have to suffer the CONSEQUENCES of our sinful behavior ( "seeds" we have "planted" ), even though God has FORGIVEN us. Sowing and reaping is mostly referring to our time HERE ON EARTH, although it may mean a LACK of REWARDS in heaven, as well.

- **Read I Corinthians 3:11-15** ( Verses 14-15 ) " If anyone's \_\_\_\_\_ which he has built on it endures, he will receive a \_\_\_\_\_. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ , yet **so as through fire.**"
- **I Thessalonians 5:15** "See that no one renders \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ to anyone, but always pursue what is \_\_\_\_\_ both for yourselves and for all."
- **Luke 14:13-14** "And when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be \_\_\_\_\_ , because they cannot \_\_\_\_\_ you; for you shall be \_\_\_\_\_ at the resurrection of the just (righteous, Believers)."
- **Read Romans 14:10-12** (Verse 10) "But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall \_\_\_\_\_ stand before the \_\_\_\_\_ seat of Christ." ( Verse 12 ) "So then \_\_\_\_\_ of us shall give \_\_\_\_\_ of himself to God?"

**Definition: "SAVED AS BY FIRE"** - This refers to people who have received Jesus as Savior, been born again, and are SAVED, but who have never really made Jesus LORD OF ALL in their life. This person may make it to heaven, but will receive NO REWARDS!! All of their **so-called good works** were done in their own human strength ( in the FLESH ), and are WORTHLESS ( Jesus said, "Without Me, you can do NOTHING." John 15:5 ) - The worthless, human "works" will be burned up. The picture here is similar to a person escaping from a burning house, and they make it out alive, but ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS are burned up, and they have NOTHING! This also applies to "death bed" conversions, such as the thief on the cross ( Luke 23:39-43 ), where the person has **no time** to do any GOOD WORKS.

**9.** And you, **master**, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your won Master also is in heaven, and there is **no partiality** with Him.

- **Colossians 4:1** "Masters, give your \_\_\_\_\_ what is just and \_\_\_\_\_ , knowing that you also have a \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven."
- **Read Romans 2:8-11** (Verse 11) "For there is no \_\_\_\_\_ with God."
- **James 5:1-8** "Come now, you \_\_\_\_\_ , weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ , and your garments are moth-eaten. Your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are corroded, and their corrosion will be days. Indeed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ who mowed your fields, which you kept back by \_\_\_\_\_ , cry out; and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the reapers ( farm workers ) have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabbath. You have \_\_\_\_\_ on the Earth in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of \_\_\_\_\_ . You have condemned, you have \_\_\_\_\_ the just; he does not resist you. Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the Earth, waiting \_\_\_\_\_ for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be \_\_\_\_\_ . Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."
- **James 2:1-4** "My brethren, do not hold the faith or our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with \_\_\_\_\_ . For if there should come into your assembly a man with \_\_\_\_\_ , in \_\_\_\_\_ apparel, and there should also come in a \_\_\_\_\_ man in \_\_\_\_\_ clothes, and you \_\_\_\_\_ to the one wearing the \_\_\_\_\_ clothes and say to him, 'You sit here in a \_\_\_\_\_ place,' and say to the \_\_\_\_\_ man, 'You sit here at my footstool,' have you not shown \_\_\_\_\_ among yourselves, and become judges with \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts ( motives )?" ( Verse 9 ) "But if you show \_\_\_\_\_ , you commit \_\_\_\_\_ , and are convicted by the law as transgressors."