

Ephesians 6 :1-9 - Discussion Questions

Relationship 1: Children and their relationship to parents :1-3

- What reason does the Apostle give in verse 1 for children to obey their parents?
- What reason does he give in Colossians 3:20?
- Why is it important for children to learn obedience to parents?
- Why do you think more and more children are not being taught obedience today?
- What kind of impact on society are we seeing from disobedient children?
- What can older Christians do to encourage those who are just starting to parent?
- What does it mean for children to honor their parents? How about dishonor?

Relationship 2: Fathers and their relationship to their children :4

- Why do you suppose the Apostle addressed fathers in this verse and not mothers?
- Read this same exhortation in Colossians 3:21 (Try to get different translations)
- Pastor Paul gave some examples of a Father provoking his children to anger. What other examples can you think of?
- How can a father guard against this sort of thing while still teaching right and wrong?
- What does it mean to bring up a child in “the discipline and instruction of the Lord”?

Relationship 3: Bondservants and their relationship to their Masters :5-8

- What is a bondservant?
- Why does the Apostle Paul call us “bondservants of Christ”?
- Why is it so challenging sometimes to serve those who oversee us with respect and devotion?

- What does it mean to work “by the way of eye service”? (Answer: To work only when the boss is looking.)
- Who does the Apostle say we *should* be serving in whatever we do?
- Read Colossians 3: 17 and 23-24. Is this the same message?
- How can Christians remember to “serve wholeheartedly” even when the task is boring and the boss is being a jerk?

Relationship 4: Masters and their relationship to their servants :9

- How does Paul exhort Masters (bosses, ministry leaders) to treat those under them?
- Why is it especially important for leaders to convey a Christian attitude?
- Read Matthew 20: 25-28. What example does Jesus give to bosses and leaders?