



Every Spiritual Blessing—A Study in Ephesians

Please ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding before you begin.

Lesson 15—Ephesians 6

1. Please read all of chapter 6. In the first passage, we see that obedience is a fundamental building block of the home.
 - What command is given in vs 1 & 2? See also Colossians 3:21
 - What is the promise? See also Deut 5:16
 - What are parents told not to do and what examples can you give? (Note: the Greek word for “Father” used here is more accurately translated “Parents”)
 - What do you think this means?
 - What responsibility is given to the parents? Add Gen 18:19; Deut 6:7; Ps 78:4; Prov 22:6 to help you.
 - Check out the following scriptures and share further insights: Luke 2:51; Prov 6:20-22; Prov 23:22-26
2. Bondservants were slaves and in Paul’s day, most were farmers, builders, teachers, nannies & shopkeepers. In verses 5-8, Paul mentions the heart twice. What is he getting at?
 - How do you think this may have been a challenge for these “workers”?
 - Do you personally struggle with this, or have you in the past? How do you overcome?
 - What is the promise in verse 8? How does this encourage you?
 - Read verse 9 and then... on the flip-side of Eph 6:7—read Galatians 6:7.
 - Paul is talking about being generous in this context.(Gal 6:7) How could this be applied if you are a leader or an employer?
 - What can you add from Colossians 3:23 & 24; Ecclesiastes 9:10a; 1 Pet 2:18 & 19?

3. Paul also has a new way of operating for masters, (overseers, employers, bosses). When he says, "masters, do the same things to them..." To what is he referring?
- Have you ever been threatened by an employer or leader? How did you handle it and what was the outcome?
 - Have you had the opportunity to be employed by a Christian, how was/wasn't the experience different from an employer who is not?
 - Maybe you yourself were/are the employer. What are some convictions you have in regard to your relationships with those under your authority in the workplace? What are some temptations/triggers that may cause you to be resentful or punitive? How do you handle these?
 - How does living out Colossians 3:13–15 help us in the workplace?
 - In a nutshell, if one is an overseer of any type Paul wants them to:
 - Respect their employees
 - Refrain from abuse
 - Remember that they report to _____
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4. God holds us accountable for treating those in our employ with justice and equity. Someone's socio-economic status is irrelevant and should never affect a believer's behavior toward them. As Christians, our treatment of others should flow out of our love for God! Maybe you are not in authority of anyone but consider your treatment of those who serve you in public places such as banks, restaurants, the grocery store—I'm sure you can think of many others!

Write out Col 4:1 & Romans 2:11 and share how being conscientious of this helps you represent Christ wherever you are.

"...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" —1Cor 10:31