

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

“We Are His Workmanship”

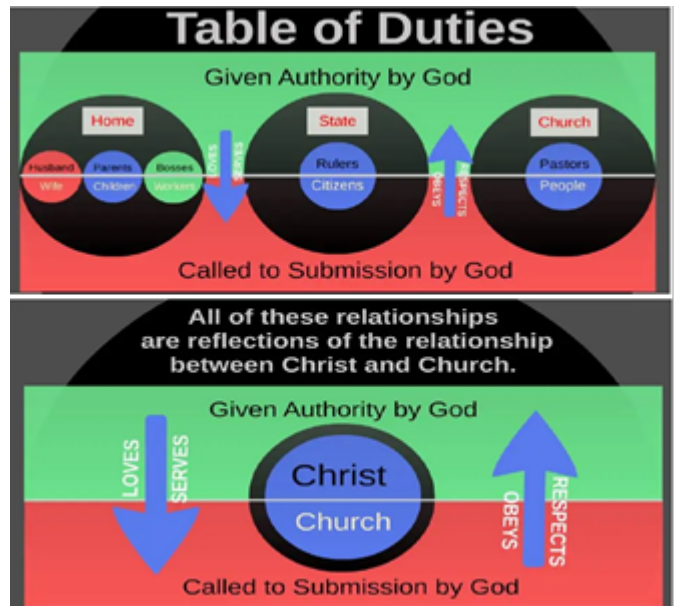
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THE TEXT (Ephesians 6:1-9)

- (1) **Children**, obey your parents **in the Lord**, for this is right.
- (2) "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise),
- (3) "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."



(Ex 20:6-12; Dt 5:16; Prov 1:8; 6:20; 23:22; Col 3:20; 1 Tim 4:8)

- (4) **Fathers**, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction **of the Lord**.

(Gen 18:19; Dt 4:9; 6:7,20; 11:19; Ps 78:4; Prov 13:24; 19:18; 22:6; 29:17; 2 Tim 3:15; Col 3:21)

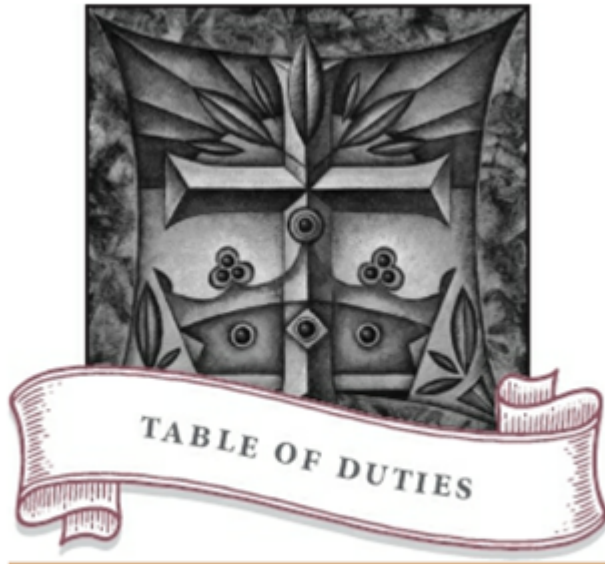
- (5) **Slaves**, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would **Christ**, (6) not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants **of Christ**, doing **the will of God** from the heart, (7) rendering service with a good will as **to the Lord** and not to man, (8) knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from **the Lord**, whether he is a slave or free.

(Ps 62:12; Mt 16:27; Rom 2:6; 6:22; 1 Cor 3:8; 7:22; 12:13; 2 Cor 5:10; 11:3; Gal 1:10; 3:28; Php 2:12; Col 3:11,22-24; 1 Tim 6:1; Titus 2:9,10; 1 Pet 2:18)

- (9) **Masters**, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that **he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven**, and that there is no partiality with him.

(Lev 25:43; Dt 10:17; Job 31:13-15; Jn 13:13; Ac 10:34,35; Rom 2:9-13; Col 4:11; 1 Pet 1:17)

SECTION 3



Certain passages of Scripture for various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities

To Parents

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

To Children

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and your 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.” Eph. 6:1–3

To Workers of All Kinds

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. Eph. 6:5–8

To Employers and Supervisors

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. Eph. 6:9

To Youth

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5–6

LIFE APPLICATION

Every Christian has a vocation = calling (vocatio)
We walk in faith toward God and love for our neighbor.
(1st and 2nd Tables of the Law)

How do you balance the living out of these six daily callings?:

Disciple of Christ – Spouse – Parent – Occupation – Church Member - Citizen