Bible Study Packet Ephesians 6:1-9



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Submission

Read Ephesians 6:1-9 and review the meaning of the word submission from lesson 10.

1. What do you think it means to obey "in the Lord" (verse 1)?	
2. Explain what you think it means to "honor" parents.	

3. What is the "promise" that Paul quotes along with the commandment (see verse 3; also see Deuteronomy 5:16)?

a. Why do you think God put this commandment together with this promise? What connection do you see between them?

4.	What things do you think Paul had in mind when he commanded fathers NOT to provoke anger in their children (see verse 4)?
5.	Describe how a father might train, discipline, and instruct his children "with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord?"
6.	How should verse 4 affect a parent's attitude and behavior toward their children? Try to be specific.
7.	Think about the situation Paul was addressing in 6:5-9. What do you think it means to "obeywith respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ" (verse 5)?

8.	How do verses 6 and 7 explain Paul's instruction in verse 5?
9.	What do you think are the kinds of attitudes Paul wanted to teach slaves by the promise he states in verse 8?
	a. What wrong attitudes do you think he was trying to help them avoid?
10.	To what extent do you think Paul's teachings for slaves applies to current day employees who work for wages or who serve in their home? Why?
11.	To what treatment does "in the same way" refer in verse 9? (The NASB version reads, "masters, do the same things to them.")

12.	Describe the attitudes a master should not have, according to verse 9.
13.	What fact should a person in authority always keep in mind when dealing with subordinates (see verse 9)?
14.	Who might Paul's commands to masters apply to in our current culture?
15.	State the central teaching of 6:1-9 and explain how the passage relates to chapter 5.

