



The Family Walk

Ephesians 6:1-9

After watching a television presentation about rebellious youth, a husband said to his wife, “What a mess! Where did our generation go wrong?” The wife calmly answered, “We had children.”

It seems no matter where we look in modern society, we see antagonism, division, and rebellion. Husbands and wives are divorcing each other; children are rebelling against their parents; and employers and employees are seeking for new ways to avoid strikes and keep the machinery of industry running productively. We have tried education, legislation, and every other approach, but nothing seems to work. Paul’s solution to the antagonisms in the home and in society was *regeneration*—a new heart from God and a new submission to Christ and to one another. God’s great program is to “gather together in one all things in Christ” (Eph. 1:10). Paul indicated that this spiritual harmony begins in the lives of Christians who are submitted to the lordship of Christ.

A. Christian Children 6:1-3

Four reasons to obey their parents:

1. They are _____ (“in the Lord”) 6:1a
2. _____ is _____ 6:1b
3. _____ is _____ 6:2a
4. _____ brings _____ 6:2b

B. Christian Fathers 6:4

The responsibilities toward our children

1. He must not _____ them. 6:4a
2. He must _____ them 6:4b
3. He must _____ them 6:4c
4. He must _____ and _____ 6:4d

C. Christian Servants 6:5-8

Paul encourages servants to be obedient for several reasons:

- 1 They were really serving _____ 6:5
2. Doing a good job is the _____ of the _____ 6:6
3. They will be _____ 6:8

D. Christian Masters 6:9

What are the responsibilities of a Christian master (or employer) to his workers?

1. He must seek their _____ 6:9
2. He must not _____ 6:9
3. He must be _____ to the _____ 6:9
4. He must not _____ _____ 6:9