

Digging Deeper Study
Reshaped – Reshaped Relationships
Week of May 11, 2025

Ephesians 6:1-9 NIV

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)
in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1)
in all things, charity.” (John 13:34)

Opening Questions:

What is something that a parent, or a parent figure taught you, that you have been thankful for and that has helped you in your life?

Read the text completely, then come back and discuss the questions.

1. What does it mean to Honor someone?
2. How can learning obedience and honor at a young age bless you in life? How can not learning those become a hinderance to you?
3. How do you see the benefit of having a parent guide you in this life?

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

⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever

4. How did your father do in bringing you up in the Lord?
5. How has your relationship with your father affected your view of God?
6. Why is it important to not stir your child up to anger as you instruct them? How does this show us that how we instruct our children matters?
7. Bringing someone up with a full understanding of God is important. But what is an aspect of God that has been crucial to understand in your growth as a follower of Jesus?
8. Slavery has been a dark spot in humanity really since the fall. How does the fact that slavery exists in our world speak towards the state of our world? How does the topic of slavery in the Bible make you feel?
9. Here we see a hard command in the Bible - Slaves obey your earthly masters with respect and fear and sincerity of heart – just as you would obey Christ. How can this be applied to other areas of our lives?
10. How do these verses speak towards the importance of our heart before God?
11. If our heart is right before God – how can that impact the spreading of the gospel. m

good they do, whether they are slave or free. ⁹ And 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.

12. Why is it important to remember that Lord and the rewards that He gives to those who live for Him? How does that help us in this life?
13. Why is it important to remember there is no favoritism with God? Why can we feel/believe God shows favoritism?

What is your main take away from this passage?

Take prayer requests
And Close in Prayer.