



Building Fund



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Lessons from the Churches: Ephesus

Commands Are About God, Not Rules | Ephesians 6:1-9 | 10.4.26

Big Idea: The importance of seeing GOD within the commands of Scripture cannot be exaggerated. Our purest motive for obedience is our love for GOD. When we read about difficult commandments, we tend to excuse and justify disobedience. Today, we are reminded that our obedience is directly related to our commitment to GOD.

- **Context** and correct information are crucial to developing and maintaining healthy relationships.

Why accurate information about GOD is crucial:

1. GOD is our Creator.
2. Meaning and purpose are found in **God**.
3. We have eternal souls.
4. We will give an **account** of our life to GOD.

- We have the same objective and authoritative truth that the congregation of Ephesus received 2000 years ago!

Ephesians 6:1-4 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: ³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training (nurture KJV) and admonition (instruct ESV) of the Lord.*

- Commands are opportunities to express our **love** for **God**!
- GOD's commands are always about relationships, not religious **rules**.
- Obey and honor are in the present, active, imperative. The child is expected to embrace this command.
- GOD's commands are always accompanied by His **grace**! Selah
- Ephesians 4 lays out the teaching on communication and forgiveness prior to getting to the family.

→ Paul referenced **Exodus 20:12** and **Deuteronomy 5:16** with the promise of a good life.

- Sin complicates life; righteousness simplifies it. Re: **1 Timothy 4:8**
- There's enough vital info within the 6 chapters of Ephesians to produce very healthy marriages, families, and churches!
- Wise are those Christians who see that the dividends of a good marriage and family result from submission to Christ!

Ephesians 6:5-9 *Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, ⁷ with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, ⁸ knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. ⁹ And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him. NKJV*

- When we commit to imitate GOD and follow Christ, the way we view and treat others is radically transformed!

→ **Members: If GOD has used this message to challenge you, share it on your social media!**

→ Guests are encouraged to email their questions and comments to Pastor Jerry | jpelfrey@gbcmason.org

Resources:

gotquestions.org

Bad Therapy: Why the Kids Aren't Growing Up – Abigail Shrier

Parenting by Paul Tripp

The Heart of Anger by Lou Priolo

10.11.26 Ephesians 6:10-24

10.18.26 – Four-Week Series on Jonah by Pastor Joe

Mark Your Calendar:

10.10.26 Men's Worship Night – 6-9pm | Sign up with QR Code



11.7.26 Men's Annual Bible Study and Breakfast - 8:30-noon

12.5.26 Ladies' Christmas Tea | Hostess Sign-ups begin 10.18.26

1.10.27 State of the Church Dinner - 5-6:30pm | More details coming soon!

1.24.27 **Need to Know** Apologetic Conference – 4-6pm, with dinner to follow.

* Featuring Biblical Archaeologist Corey Peterson! Sign-ups coming soon!