Passage Outline:

Vs. 1-3
Children: Obey your parents
  - In the Lord
  - This is right
    - Exodus 20:12
      - An imperative with a promise

Vs. 4
Fathers:
  - Do not provoke
    - Nurture them: guidance and admonish
      ... “of the Lord”

Vs. 5-8
Slaves: Obey masters
  - With fear and trembling
    - In genuine/ sincerity of heart
  - As to Christ
    - Not eye-pleasers/ people-pleasers
  - As slaves of Christ
    - Doing will of God
      - Serving with good will
        - As to the Lord not others
  - Knowing whatever good ... returns

Vs. 9
Masters:
  - Do the same (obey?)
    - Not threatening
  - Knowing
    - Both have same Lord
      - Lord is impartial

Key words and Thoughts: obey (ὑπακούω); to provoke (παροργίζω); nurture (ἐκτρέφω); guidance (παιδεία); to admonish (νουθετέω); as/like (ὡς); fear (φόβος); goodwill (εὖνοια);
Questions:
As a child, were you obedient? Why/why not? What did you learn from either obedience or disobedience?

What does it mean “to obey in the Lord?”

Have you ever been provoked unto anger? What was that like? What did you do? Is such provocation “bullying”? Why/why not?

What standard do you use to determine if someone is a “good” or a “bad” employer or employee? What standard to Paul use?