

“GROW UP & GET TO WORK!” [Part 12]

A Series on the book of Ephesians

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INTRO: In our Ephesian series we looked at God’s order for marriage (5:22-33). This morning we’re going to look at God’s order in parenting and in the workplace (6:1-9). Life works better when we follow God’s order!

I. GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHILDREN (Eph. 6:1-3).

- A. Children are to obey and honor their parents.
- B. This is the right thing to do, no matter how difficult it is.
- C. This leads to life going better and living longer!

II. GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS FOR FATHERS [& mothers] (6:4).

- A. Don’t provoke your children to wrath (6:4a; Col. 3:21).
 - 1. Avoid crushing their spirit (Prov. 15:13; 18:14).
- B. Train up your children in the ways of the Lord (6:4b).
 - 1. Individually, fairly, impartially.
 - 2. Require obedience & honor (6:4; 1Sam. 3:13; Prov. 22:15; 13:24; 23:13-14; Deut. 6:6-9).
- C. What provokes children to wrath and discourages them?
 - 1. No clear/fair guidelines with appropriate consequences.
 - 2. Not being consistent with the above (and favoritism).
 - 3. Anger, harshness and demeaning words.
 - 4. Not giving adequate, focused time.
 - 5. Moms & dads not being on the same page parentally.

III. GOD’S ORDER FOR THE MARKETPLACE (6:5-9 TPT)

- A. God’s Instructions for Employees (6:5-8 TPT).
 - 1. Be sincerely submitted to employer with respect (v. 5).
 - 2. Always do what is right, not just when convenient.
 - 3. Work just as hard when no one is watching (v. 6).
 - 4. Do your work with passion, integrity, and excellence.
 - a. Do this to serve Christ, not just mankind (vv. 5b, 7).
 - 5. God will eventually reward you accordingly (v. 8).
- B. God’s Instructions for Employers (6:9).
 - 1. Employers are to do the same and treat employees with respect, dignity and fairness as unto Christ.

CONCLUSION: Remember, life works better when we live in alignment with God’s order. Are there any changes you need to make in your marriage, parenting or workplace?