



Render Service
as to the Lord
Ephesians 6:1-9



Walk as
Children 5:8
of Light

Live In God's Love in order to Live Out God's Love



The Power of
God's Love

Obedience by
God's Grace

Experience
Peace & Joy

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Our culture is tearing down God's design for families.
God's idea is "loving families living in His design."

Kingdom citizens see having authority as a call to love.
Kingdom citizens see the opportunity to influence
as the opportunity to love.



Ephesians 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, **3** being diligent to preserve the **unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace. **4** There is **one body** and one Spirit, just as also you were **called** in one hope of your **calling**; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6** one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

The gospel calls us out to spread love and gather unity.

Gathering:

By grace, I give myself to others in relationship as Christ body.

Loving:

By grace, I serve, care for & encourage my siblings in Christ.

In the body, we are brothers & sisters in Christ.

Eph. 6:1 Children, 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 be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth. **4** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. **5** Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; **6** not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. **7** With good will **render service, as to the Lord**, and not to men, **8** knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free. **9** And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

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- Embodying the gospel & and grace starts in the family.
- Parents are to embody humility, gentleness & patience as they love their children (as opposed to provoking them).
- Parents are to speak the truth in love to their children & shepherd the child's heart.
- Parents are to be the primary disciplinarians of their children, thinking big about how God can use them for His glory.
- Nothing is more important for your kids than finding their identity, security & purpose in the King. **MAKE TIME FOR IT!**

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- The identity of being “in the Lord” is life-changing.
- Kingdom citizens have godly relationships not godless ones.
- It is right to honor your parents for God’s glory.
- Kingdom citizens live under God’s love, order & authority.
- In society, obedience to parents leads to order and stability.
- Deuteronomy 5:15, Exodus 20:12 & Leviticus 19:3 point to honoring parents as a foundation for God’s covenant people.

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- Paul could not imagine a world without slaves any more than he could imagine a world with jet airplanes.
- God says the motivation for a slave to serve their master was to flow out his heart's love for their Master.
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- “His” masters were to treat their slaves with respect & love.
- “His” employers are not just employers of employees, but “His” employers are “His” ambassadors in the workplace.
- “Business is business” looks different for kingdom citizens.
- Title does not imply inferiority/superiority for kingdom citizens.

Practical Application:

Know that as a child of The King, you belong to The King.

RENDER SERVICE, AS TO THE LORD.

Work as a Kingdom Citizen. Submit to The King's design.
Care about and care for those you serve for God's glory.

Nurture people.

Don't use people.

Don't ignore people.

Live In God's Love so that you **Live Out God's Love.**