

## Ephesians 6: 1 – 9

### Children and Parents 6: 1 – 4

- Children obey!
  - Wives were commanded to submit, children obey!
  - Parent's authority over their children is different and stronger than the husbands 'headship' over his wife.
  - This is right! It follows a natural pattern
  - This is God's law for your benefit
  - Children this is a reflection of your relationship with Jesus. 'In the Lord'
- Father's don't exasperate, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
  - Self-controlled, gentle and patient!
  - Parents have a primary role in bringing up their children to take their place in society and God's new community.

### Slaves and Masters 6: 5 – 9

- Slaves obey,
  - With respect, fear and sincerity of heart
  - Serve wholeheartedly
  - The reward is from the Lord
- Masters
  - Treat your slaves in the same way
  - Remember you have a master too!
  - Remember you share the same master!

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ

## Digging Deeper

1. What steps do we take to build into people's lives practical biblical teaching?
2. Where do we start when many who come to faith have had little experience of a stable family life?
3. When did you last hear a sermon about work? Are we inclined to think that our church involvement is more important to God than our paid employment?
4. What does the phrase 'Sacred/ Secular divide' mean to you? Should there be one?
5. Paul did not teach people to change the existing order of society but to live and work differently in it. Why do you think he did this and what can we learn from this that will help us know how to live today?