

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 05 Sep ..... Eph 1:1-14 ..... God’s Plan is Eternal
- 2) 12 Sep ..... Eph 1:15-23 ..... God’s Plan Involves Power
- 3) 19 Sept ..... Eph 2:1-10 ..... God’s Power Changes People
- 4) 26 Sep ..... Eph 2:11-22 ... God’s Power Changes Relationships
- 5) 03 Oct ..... Eph 3:1-13 ..... God’s Power Comes by Grace
- 6) 10 Oct ..... Eph 3:14-21 ..... God’s Power Provides Strength
- 7) 17 Oct ..... Eph 4:1-16 ..... Being in Step
- 8) 24 Oct ..... Eph 4:17-32 ..... Being Different
- 9) 31 Oct ..... Eph 5:1-14 ..... Being Pure
- 10) 07 Nov ..... Eph 5:15-21 ..... Being Careful
- 11) 14 Nov ..... Eph 5:22-33 ..... Being Married
- 12) 21 Nov ..... Eph 6:1-9 ..... **Being Respectful**
- 13) 28 Nov ..... Eph 6:10-24 ..... Being Prepared

**INTRODUCTION**

- **We must show respect of children, of parents, of employers and workers (close personal relationships)**
- **What is Respect?**
  - ♦ Accepting, caring, non-discriminatory behavior
  - ♦ Give honor or esteem (‘think more highly of others’)
- But what if they are ornery, obstinate, smelly, rude, crude and socially unacceptable or just downright wicked?
- Can we / should we still give respect to difficult people?
  - ♦ Foolish and wicked behavior are the exceptions
    - We are to avoid those who are divisive
    - We are to contend with the wicked
    - We are to discipline a wayward child
    - We should cut off fellowship with a wicked Christian
    - We should not feed those who don’t want to work
- Was Jesus disrespectful to His mom & dad when He chose to stay behind in Jerusalem at age 12? ..... Luke 2:42-52
- Was Jesus disrespectful to the Greek woman looking for a healing by giving her the silent treatment?..... Mat 15:22-28
- Was Jesus disrespectful to the Scribes and Pharisees for calling them vipers & hypocrites?..... Mat 3:7

Passage	Comments
	formed a political action committee to change bad laws or practices of a government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christianity works best when we pursue changing lives at the bottom of the food chain</li> <li>• For a modern application – slaves are employees</li> <li>• We should “fearfully tremble” at our employers – in other words give them due respect and honor</li> <li>• We may not like their treatment of us at times, but God wants us to be honest hard workers</li> <li>• No selfishness or only working hard when being watched, but diligent even when not watched</li> <li>• v8 – Motivating verse – We will be rewarded for doing good to our masters even when ill treated</li> </ul> <b>Does this passage do away with labor unions?</b>
6:9	<b>Masters – Consider Welfare of Your Workforce</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul can only appeal to Christian masters or employers – to be considerate of subordinates</li> <li>• The master’s motivation is godly punishment if they opt to mistreat/threaten their subordinates</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:**

- Whether one is a family or friend, young or old, male or female, a superior or subordinate, we should respect them – be accepting of them, honor them, show concern for them – but wicked behavior justifies other courses of action
- If an ornery person is in a position of authority (government official, parent, teacher, police, preacher, elder, deacon, boss) we do as they say do but not as they do do... Mat 23:1-3

**SUPPORTING PASSAGES:**

Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

**NEXT WEEK: Ephesians 6:10-24.** Paul explains the big picture that we are in a spiritual warfare – and we must put on spiritual armor, be armed and ready to fight

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Eph 6:1-3	<b>Children – Obey &amp; Honor Mom &amp; Dad</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First commandment with a promise? Which one?</li> <li>• The very first command explicitly given to Man with a promise attached to it was “Don’t eat from the Tree of Life – or you will die” .... Gen 2:16-17 - Did God’s children obey their Heavenly Father?</li> <li>• Should children obey in everything?</li> <li>• Can kids be honorable but not obedient?.....How?</li> <li>• Can kids be obedient but not honorable?.....How?</li> <li>• Consider the man who had 2 sons, one said “NO” but went into the field and the other said “YES”, but did not go to the field – which son was obedient and honorable in the end? Mat 21:28-31</li> </ul>
6:4	<b>Fathers – Consider your child’s wellbeing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When fathers go too far in their teasing or disciplining or indifference they can frustrate &amp; anger their kids so bad they warp them</li> <li>• Instead we need to train them to love God and to cherish God’s word and His ways</li> <li>• ... we don’t just tell them, we show them by example – we live the godly life in word, deed and thought</li> </ul>
6:5-8	<b>Servants/Employees – Work Hard &amp; Honestly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slavery is prevalent throughout man’s history</li> <li>• Neither Jesus, nor Paul, or other Apostles ever</li> </ul>



**"Apparently, they possess detailed knowledge of our most intimate woodland behavior and use it against us when we are at our most vulnerable."**