

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

(NT Survey Lesson 171--Ephesians 6)

Introduction: Our quest for oneness with God and one another affects every relationship of life. In this chapter Paul discusses the role of parents and children, of masters and slaves, and the role of all Christians as soldiers in the army of the Lord.

Lesson aim: To understand how we should conduct ourselves in the parent-child relationship, the master-servant relationship, and in our role as soldiers of Christ.

The parent-child relationship--Ephesians 6:1-4

1. What two things does God command the children to do? What reasons does Paul give for these exhortations?
2. Why does Paul say "honor your father..." is the first command with a promise? What is that promise?
3. What two commands are given to fathers? Make a list of how we might do each of these.

The master-slave relationship--Eph. 6:5-9

1. What does Paul urge slaves to do? How are they to do this?
2. The slave is to render service how and as to whom? Why?
3. What are masters instructed to do? What characteristic of God are they to imitate?

The soldier of Christ--Eph. 6:10-20

1. What is the source of the Christian's strength? How does this command relate to what Paul has said earlier in the book?
2. What is the Christian to put on? Why?

3. Having put on his armor, what is the Christian to do?
4. List and define the pieces of the Christian's armor.
5. What other attitudes and actions should accompany the Christian's equipping of himself with his spiritual armor? (v. 18)
6. For what did Paul urge the Ephesians to pray?

Closing remarks---Eph. 6:21-24