

Relationships: Family/Work

Ephesians 6:1-9

Family (v. 1-4)

Deuteronomy 5:16

Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and so that you may prosper in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Ideal perfect picture: Children should be giving respect and parents should be earning respect.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Work Life (v. 5-9)

Jobs bring many challenges. The boss/employee relationship can be...interesting.

The word slave here is more closely related to an indentured-servant. An indentured-servant was someone who worked for a master until a debt was paid. The Israelites would release all debtors every 7 years. So, indentured-servants weren't forever. Some bond-servants would voluntarily give up their freedom to be a forever servant of their master. That's the wording Paul used when he refers to himself as a bond-servant of Christ in the opening of his letters.

Believers should be the hardest workers, not the laziest. We should be the most joyful, not the most complaining.

Message Reflections:

- How are you fostering a healthy family environment?
- Are you earning the respect of your children?
- Are you a hard worker?
- How can you be an employee or boss that glorifies Christ?