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⁸knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

⁹Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Children, Parents, Employees & Bosses...

What is the first command here to children? **6:1; Hosea 14:9; Prov.23:22; Col.3:20; ITim.5:4**

What is the second command to children? **6:2; Ex.20:12; Esther 2:20; Mt.15:4-6**

How would you *describe* **6:1?** **Jer.35:14; Lu.2:46-52**

How would you *describe* **6:2?** **ITim.5:4; Deu.27:16; Jn.19:25-27**

And what is the promise for obedience to obey/honor? **6:2-3; Deut.5:16**

What does Paul immediately demand of the fathers? **6:4; Prov.13:24; Col.3:21; Prov.22:6**

What is *today's* application of **6:5?** **Col.3:22; ITim.6:1-3; Titus 2:9-10**

How is this command clarified? **6:6-7; Col.3:22; IThess.2:4; IPet.2:13-15; Col.3:23**

What's the result for the good done? **6:8; Prov.11:18; Mt.6:1; IICor.5:10; Gal.3:28**

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Obey your parents in the Lord (as unto..). Paul adds ‘for this is right’ (it is your duty”).

What is the second command to children? 6:2; Ex.20:12; Esther 2:20; Mt.15:4-6

Honor your father and mother. Honoring is a sign of respect and applies for a lifetime.

How would you describe 6:1? Jer.35:14; Lu.2:46-52

6:1 is about the child’s action. Some feel this primarily applies to children in the home.

How would you describe 6:2? ITim.5:4; Deu.27:16; Jn.19:25-27

6:2 is about the attitude of a child toward the parents. This is a lifelong respect, honoring.

And what is the promise for obedience to obey/honor? 6:2-3; Deut.5:16

The promise is that your (children’s) life will go well and they’ll have a long life!

What does Paul immediately demand of the fathers? 6:4; Prov.13:24; Col.3:21; Prov.22:6

Reminds fathers (mothers?) don’t discipline to produce anger! Nurture them in the Lord!

What is today’s application of 6:5? Col.3:22; ITim.6:1-3; Titus 2:9-10

Not slavery, per-se, but employer-employee. Employee obey sincerely as you would Christ.

How is this command clarified? 6:6-7; Col.3:22; IThess.2:4; IPet.2:13-15; Col.3:23

Be obedient; great employee, not to look good but as servants of Christ, doing His will.

What’s the result for the good done? 6:8; Prov.11:18; Mt.6:1; IICor.5:10; Gal.3:28

Whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord. Both bond and free!

What’s the warning to masters (employees)? 6:9; Col.3:25, 4:1; James 2:13, 5:4

Stop threatening (slaves/employees)! The Lord’s their Master & yours. No partiality there!