
*Standing In Christ: Paul's
Letters to the Galatians,
Ephesians, and Philippians*

Part 2

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians
Riches Beyond Measure In Christ Jesus

Week 10

Part Two: The Practice of the Christian (5:22-6:24)

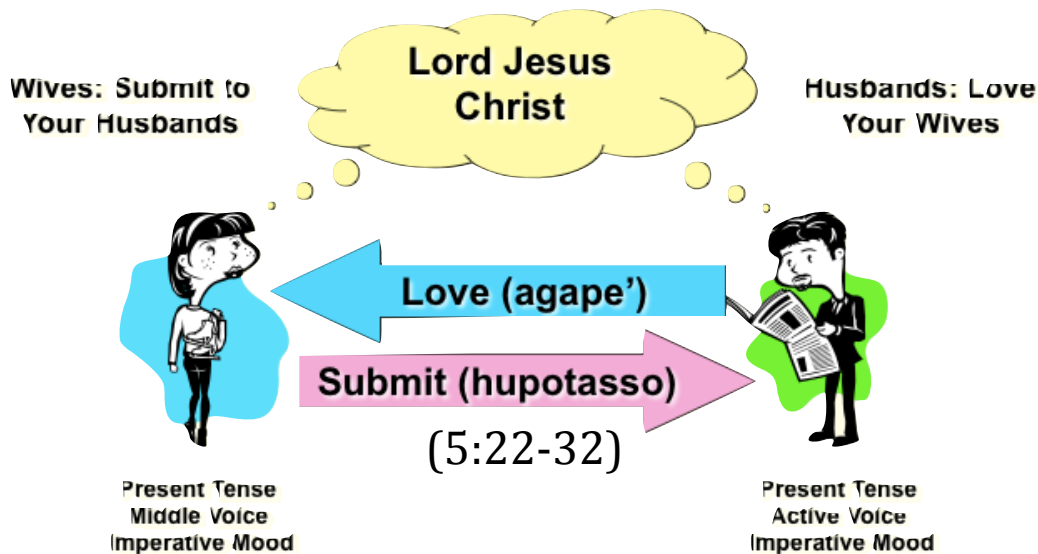
I. Responsibilities in the Home and at Work (5:22-6:9)

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Introduction: From ESV Notes

1. **Ephesians 5:22–6:9, Submission to One Another.** Verse 21 is transitional, connecting with the previous section and leading to what follows. Submission is illustrated in various family relations in 5:22–33 (wives/husbands), 6:1–4 (children/parents), and 6:5–9 (servants/masters). See also Col. 3:18–25.
2. **Ephesians 6:10–20, The Whole Armor of God.** Paul concludes his exhortations with instructions for all Christians. His imagery is a sustained portrayal of the Christian life as spiritual warfare using the Lord’s resources. There are three subsections: vv. 10–13, 14–17, and 18–20.
3. **Ephesians 6:21–24, Conclusion.** Paul concludes his letter with closing remarks (vv. 21–22) and a final benediction (vv. 23–24). The remarks concern his introduction of Tychicus.

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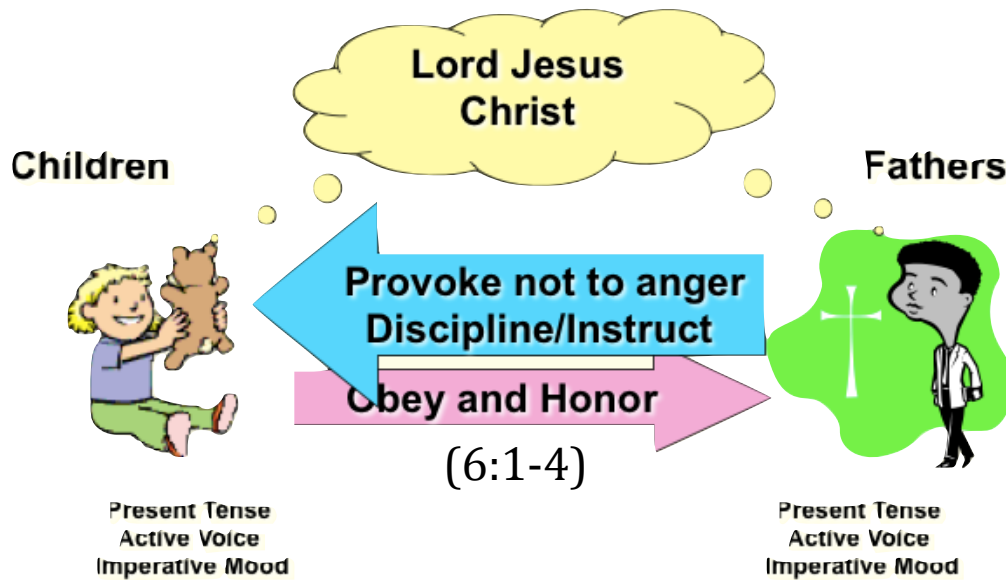


Submit (hupotasso) - to arrange under, to subordinate

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A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". In non-military use, it was "a **voluntary** attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".

Love (agape\') - self sacrificing, have the other person in mine. God’s love (Rom. 5:8)



Obey (hupakouo) - 1) to listen, to hearken; of one who on the knock at the door comes to listen who it is, (the duty of a porter); 2) to harken to a command

Note: This command is time limited, i.e., as the child becomes an adult and leaves the home, he is no longer under this obligation.

Honor (timaos) - 1) to estimate, fix the value; for the value of something belonging to one's self 2) to honour, to have in honour, to revere, venerate

Note: This command is not time limited; honoring father and mother is a life time command (see Jesus response to the Pharisees in Matt. 15:1-9)

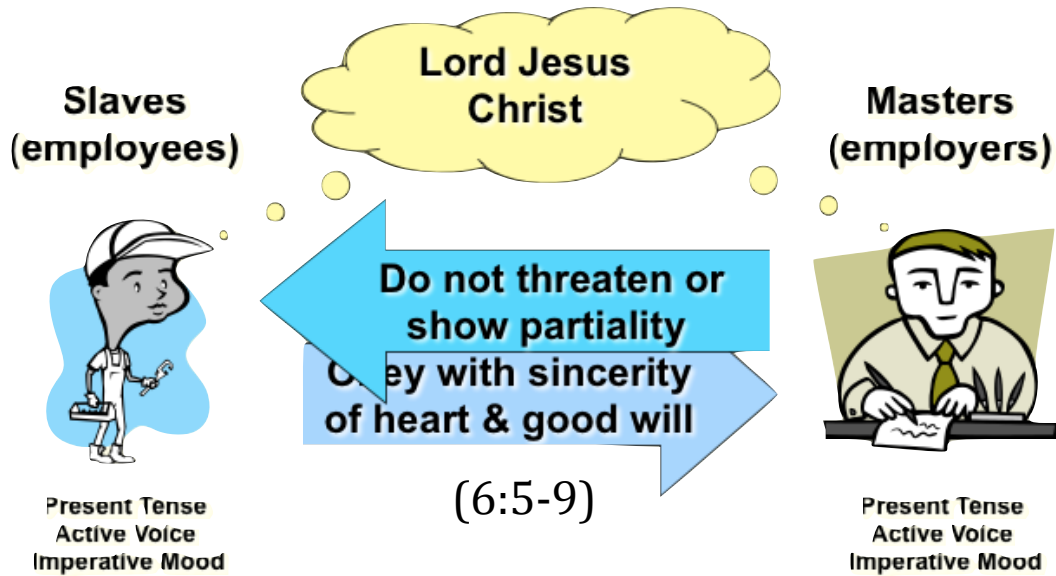
Provoke (parorgizo) - to rouse to wrath, to provoke, exasperate, anger

Discipline (paideia) - 1) the whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment) It also includes the training and care of the body

Note: Training by means of rules and regulations, rewards, and when necessary, punishments

Instruction (nouthesia) - admonition, exhortation

Note: Training by means of the spoken word.



Verse 5. ***Servants***. (oi douloi.) The word here used denotes one who is bound to render service to another, whether that service be free or voluntary; and may denote, therefore, either a slave, or one who binds himself to render service to another. It is often used in these senses in the New Testament, just as it is elsewhere. It cannot be demonstrated that the word here necessarily means slaves; though, if slavery existed among those to whom this epistle was written— as there can be little doubt that it did—it is a word which would apply to those in this condition. Whether the persons here referred to were slaves, or were those who had bound themselves to render a voluntary servitude, the directions here given were equally appropriate. It was not the design of the Christian religion to produce a rude sundering of the ties which bind man to man, but to teach all to perform their duties aright in the relations in which Christianity found them, and gradually to modify the customs of society, and to produce ultimately the universal prevalence of that which is right.

II. Conduct in the Conflict (6:10-24)

Verse 6:10 - ...Be ***strong*** in the Lord and in the ***strength*** of His ***might***.

Strong (*endunamoo*) [Tense-Present ; Voice-Passive; Mood-Imperative]:
power inherent to the possessor

Strength (*kratos*): a mighty deed, a work of power

Might (*ischus*): ability

Verse 6:11 - ...able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Able (*dunamai*) [Tense-Present; Voice-Middle or Passive Deponent; Mood-Infinitive]: to be able, have power whether by virtue of one's own ability and resources

Stand (*histemi*) [Tense-Second Aorist; Voice-Active; Mood-Infinitive]: of quality, one who does not hesitate, does not waiver

Schemes (*methodeia*): cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery



Pray for Boldness (6:18-20)

Verse 6:18. *Praying always.* It would be well for the soldier who goes forth to battle to pray—to pray for victory; or to pray that he may be prepared for death, should he fall. But soldiers do not often feel the necessity of this. To the Christian soldier, however, it is indispensable. Prayer crowns all lawful efforts with success, and gives a victory when nothing else would. No matter how complete the armor; no matter how skilled we maybe in the science of war; no matter how courageous we may be, we may be certain that without prayer we shall be defeated. God alone can give the victory; and when the Christian soldier goes forth armed completely for the spiritual conflict, if he looks to God by prayer, he may be sure of a triumph. This prayer is not to be intermitted. It is to be always. In every temptation and spiritual conflict we are to pray.

Conclusion (6:21-24)