

# From Our Talk to Our Walk

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NKJV Ephesians 6:1 “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

2 “*Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise:*

3 “*that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.*”

Our *walk* with Christ affects our *talk* with people, and will be evident in our relationships—

children and parents; with employee and employers; with all people every day.

Obedying the instructions of those God has placed over us is important in training children to respect authority.

Commandment #5 AV Exodus 20:12 “*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*”

“*This is right* to “*Obey your parents—in the Lord.*” Obedience is for *today*; honor is for *life*.

Children need to be *taught*—and on every possible occasion—that honoring *parents* is connected to honoring *God*.

Children are to be *told* that and *instructed* in godly ways whenever they have an opportunity.

Obedience here is not *blindly following* but *purposely learning* the ways and attitudes of the Lord.

God’s commands are *not* restrictive but *are* protective. Obedience is the right **action** and honor is the right **attitude**.

To always respect authority is an important aspect of training children. Obedience within household relationships means children are learning that God is the *ultimate authority*.

A child should see Dad loving Mom—and Mom respecting Dad. There is no better example.

Parents are to instruct and train children by showing kindness and gentleness in their own life. Bondservants are to work with integrity and accountability—as all relationships are rooted in Christ who obeyed the Father and opened a way to eternal life.

Ephesians 6:4 “*And you, fathers, do not provoke [tease, aggravate] your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition [and instruction NIV] of the Lord.*”

As head of the Christian home, fathers must teach right ways to a child, but not be harsh in doing so. They must be *firm* and *definite*—but not teasing until the child is angry.

Parents are to *nurture* but not *provoke*. A child is **called to obedience**; parents are **called to teach**.

Ephesians 6:5 “*Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;*”

*Servants* and *masters* had different meanings in Roman times, but Scripture here informs us how a believer behaves under authority—“*as unto Christ.*”

It gives us *purpose*—that is, to *do all things* like we would *do all things* if Jesus asked us to do something.

Ephesians 6:6 “*Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,*

7 *with goodwill doing service [serve wholeheartedly NIV], as to the Lord, and not to men.*”

We should always do any work as if our **Master Jesus** was by our side.

We all give account to the Ultimate Authority—and never working to receive praise, but serving *wholeheartedly* as if serving the Lord.

Even when doing mundane and monotonous tasks *as unto the Lord*, they become sanctified and approved since—God *sees all* and *rewards all*.

The apostle says James 1:22 “*Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*”

The best sermon a parent can give their children—*is the life they live in the home*.

“*With eyeservice*” means working *only* when someone is *looking*. Our true character is—*what we do when no one is watching*—“*With good will doing service, as to the Lord*” 7.

Ephesians 6:8 “*Knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.*”

*Whatever good* we do is not limited to the impressive or the noticeable, but just doing an ordinary job faithfully; Helping someone who cannot repay;

Showing patience when no one else is; Keeping our word; and Doing the *right thing* even when doing the *wrong thing* is easier.

We should not need an audience to do what is right—as God *sees* and *knows* everything.

People may *not* say: “*Thank you;*” “*I noticed;*” “*You did a good job;*” but the Lord *knows* and *sees* and *that* is what counts.

It is not to receive a reward, but knowing that faithfulness is never wasted in the sight of God. Matthew 6:4 “*Thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee.*”

8 *Whether he is a slave or free*—means God's evaluation is not based on social position, because with Him a person with the lowest position is as valuable and respected as someone in the highest.

Both the servant and the boss have a Master in Heaven. No act of kindness is insignificant with God.

Ephesians 6:9 “*And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven [since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality [favoritism] with Him.*”

God has a different way to evaluate people—the world asks, “*What position do you hold?*” but the Lord asks, “*What are you doing with the gifts I have given?*”

Our work is important—even though Satan may suggest: *No one cares what I do*—but God *cares* and *that* is what counts.

Every command is rooted in our relationship with Jesus—children obey “*in the Lord*,” servants work “*as unto the Lord*,” and managers administer knowing they have a “*Master in Heaven.*”

Authority, submission, and service always have *Jesus at the center*—and no one can fulfill these relational and interactive roles by human ability, but only by being filled with the Spirit of God Ephesians 5:18.

Jesus told us—Mark 10:45 “*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.*”

Knowing what He did for us—compels us to go *from our talk to our walk* in our close relationship with Him.

Jesus gave the *pattern* and showed the *humility* that should always be the basis for every Christian home and workplace.

Ultimately, we will all stand beneath the authority of Christ—the principle is—whether we are serving *under* authority or *exercising* authority ***Christ is Lord of both.***

Our faith in Jesus is most clearly demonstrated—not by what *we say* but by how *we treat* people.

Whether we are *giving* orders or *receiving* them; if we are *leading* or *following*; whether we are *parenting* or being *parented*—***Jesus Christ is Lord over all.***

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