



# EPHESIANS

LIVING AS THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

# Holy Spirit Guided Relationships Part 2!

Ephesians 6:1-9



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18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,  
19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,  
20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:17-21, ESV



I can experience the presence of Christ in every and all of my relationships. The Holy Spirit-filled believer has the resources and spiritual capacity to be guided in all their interactions with others. In conversations, in listening, in talking, in thinking, in encouragement, in decision-making, in difficulties, in facing the challenges, chaos, conflict of the day - every child of God has the power of the Holy Spirit to influence, impact, and instruct them.

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6 Children, it is your Christian duty to[a] obey your parents, for this is the right thing to do. 2 “Respect your father and mother” is the first commandment that has a promise added: 3 “so that all may go well with you, and you may live a long time in the land.” 4 Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, raise them with Christian discipline and instruction.

Ephesians 6:1-4, GNT



**5 Slaves, obey your human masters with fear and trembling; and do it with a sincere heart, as though you were serving Christ. 6 Do this not only when they are watching you, because you want to gain their approval; but with all your heart do what God wants, as slaves of Christ. 7 Do your work as slaves cheerfully, as though you served the Lord, and not merely human beings. 8 Remember that the Lord will reward each of us, whether slave or free, for the good work we do. 9 Masters, behave in the same way toward your slaves and stop using threats. Remember that you and your slaves belong to the same Master in heaven, who judges everyone by the same standard**

**Ephesians 6:1-9, GNT**

**For the whole Law is summed up in one  
commandment: "Love your neighbor as you love  
yourself." Galatians 5:14, GNT**

**Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do  
not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven  
belongs to such as these." He placed his hands  
on them and then went away.**

**Matthew 19:14-15, GNT**

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**Children are able  
to obey their  
parents because of  
their love for Jesus  
Christ!**



- their obedience brings honor to their father and mother
  - their obedience brings blessings to their own lives “that it may go well with you”
  - their obedience brings length of days to their own lives “that you may live long in the land.”
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**Bondservants are able to obey their masters because of their love for Jesus Christ.**

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**- with fear and  
trembling  
- with a sincere  
heart  
- as bondservants  
for Christ**



- doing the will of God from the heart
- rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,
- knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.





**Masters are able to  
do the same to their  
bondservants because  
of their love for Jesus  
Christ**

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- 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.
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The church is called by grace to display to the world who its creator really is. Paul's earlier focal points (kindness, forgiveness and sexual purity) would have stood out a mile in pagan society. So would a home characterised by mutual submission and self-giving love. He is not reinscribing the tired old prejudices, either of Aristotle or of early modern patriarchy. But nor, in rejecting such things, is he endorsing anarchy.

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He is glimpsing what a Jesus-reflecting home might look like. Above all, this passage offers his climactic celebration of Messiah and church, of God and his people...Our primary task, however, is not simply to reaffirm and defend that doctrine. Our task, whatever our household status, is to display to one another and the wider world the glad mutual submission which unveils the subversive Messiah-shaped purposes of the creator God before his surprised and suffering world.

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**What is God  
saying to me  
today from His  
Word?  
How will I  
respond to Him?**

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