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a study on Ephesians

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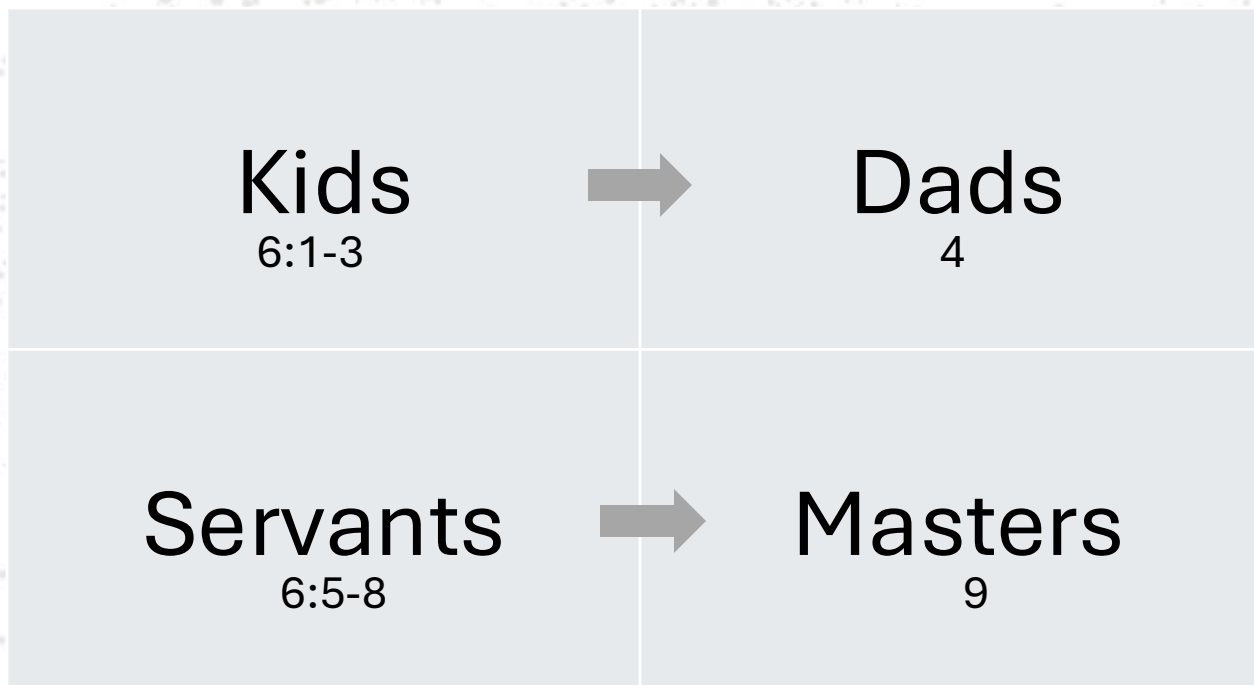
"Authority exercised with humility, and obedience accepted with delight are the very lines along which our spirits live." C.S. Lewis

SUBMISSION vs. AUTHORITY



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1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

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2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND
MOTHER (which is the first
commandment with a promise),

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**3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL
WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY
LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.**

KIDS vss 1-3

- Obey – outside
 - ‘in the hearing’ – comprehend/comply
- Honor – inside
 - hold in value – respect – at any age!
 - ‘command with promise’
 - Exodus 20:12; Deut 5:16 – ‘Land’
 - Promise to proverb - ‘earth’

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***"Obedience is the road
to freedom."*** C.S. Lewis

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4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

DADS vs 4

- Authority that is Submissive
- Do not.... ‘inspire anger’
- Do...
 - discipline – (παιδεία) paideia – ‘training’
 - instruction – (νουθεσία) nouthesia – ‘teaching by setting in the mind’

“because I said so!”

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***"I was not born to be free –
I was born to adore and obey."***

C.S. Lewis (John 14:15)

“The Gospel found slavery in the world; and in many regions, particularly the Roman and the Greek, it was a very bad form of slavery. The Gospel began at once to undermine it, with its mighty principles of the equality of all souls in the mystery and dignity of manhood, and of the equal work of redeeming love wrought for all souls by the supreme Master. But its plan was – not to batter, but to undermine...”

So while the Gospel in one respect left slavery alone, it doomed it in another.” (Moule)

We live in the 'less than ideal'

***God dealt with sin, divorce,
deceit, adultery, idolatry, theft,
cruelty, betrayal –
FORGIVENESS!***

God forgives sin – not approves

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5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

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6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

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7 With good will render service, as
to the Lord, and not to men,

8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

SLAVES vss 5-8

- Obey – outside
 - ‘according to the flesh’ – not superior!
- Honor – inside
 - ‘sincerity of your heart’
 - ‘as unto Christ’ – 2 Tim 2:15

“good enough for who its for!”

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, to love **kindness**,
And to walk humbly with your God?

SLAVES vss 5-8

- Life is not the final scale
- Do you recall when you would pray for what you now have? Satisfied?
- Seek justice – give mercy!
- Workers & bosses today? Principles

“The true follower of Christ will not ask, ‘If I embrace this truth, what will it cost me?’ Rather he will say, ‘This is truth. God help me to walk in it, let come what may!’” A. W. Tozer

9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

MASTERS vs 9

- Authority that is Submissive
- Do not.... ‘threaten’ – anger works!?
- Do...
 - be humble – your Master
 - be fair – without ‘partiality’ - Jms 1:21
 - *“My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.”*

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***"Until you have given up
yourself to Him,
you will not have a real self."***

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