

“Seeing Family and Work as a Place to SHINE”

Series: Learning to Live “in Christ” - Ephesians

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To Shine:

- **To live as if Jesus is Lord!**
- **Living that presumes King Jesus is uniting all things in Heaven & Earth now!**

Last Sunday, we learned of a Habit of Christ-followers that enables Shining: **Mutual Submission**

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:21

When we practice Mutual Submission in our Marriages, our Marriages best embody their intended purpose: to be a Living Metaphor of uniting of Heaven & Earth under Christ as Lord!

Today we continue Paul’s teaching by encountering 2 other practical areas where we can SHINE.

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“Children, obey your parents **in the Lord**, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up **in the training and instruction of the Lord.**” Ephesians 6:1-4

What Values are you modeling/teaching your children? Kingdom or Cultural?

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“Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, **just as you would obey Christ.** ⁶Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷Serve wholeheartedly, **as if you were serving the Lord, not people,** ⁸because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

⁹And masters, **treat your slaves in the same way.** Do not threaten them, since you know **that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven,** and there is no favoritism with him.” Ephesians 6:5-9

What if your boss is a Jerk? Maniac? Non-Christian?

Conclusion:

The problem with many of us when we hear this teaching is with how we HEAR it!

- Dads often hear it and react: “See, you children need to obey me, God says so”!
- Children often hear it and react: “See, Stop exasperating me”!
- Slaves/Workers often hear it and react: “See, treat me nicer!”
- Masters/Employers often hear it and react: “See, work like I expect you to!”

If that is how you are hearing this, please read 5:21 again!

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All Scriptures are from the New International Version unless noted.

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