

A Practical Study of EPHESIANS

HEAVEN'S PLAN for Life on Earth

“What It’s Like Living According to God’s Plan”

Key verse 5:17 — *“On this account, do not be foolish but be understanding what the will of the Lord is.”*

Study Number Eleven – His Plan for the Home and Business Relationship – Ephesians 6:1-9

We’ve traveled a long way in our time together. This is session #11.

We looked first of all at The Master Plan in chapter 1 and then he stops to pray.

In chapter 2 we talked about His Plan for Giving Life.

In chapter 3, His Plan for a Body in which He could function.

Then the epistle turns to that which is practical.

In chapter 4, in our first episode, we looked at the functioning body and the spiritual gifts.

The latter part of chapter 4 he got personal and began to talk about the things in our lives that need to be put away as we

Learn to Live Life on a New Level.

Then we looked at Living in the Light—being willing to be transparent before the Lord. To come to the light because we don't have anything to hide, we don't have ulterior motives. We don't have any hidden things that we're trying to keep from the Lord.

And then we probed into that area of the marriage relationship. Certainly the Spirit-filled life will immediately demonstrate itself in the home.

Someone has said:

Home is the acid test of your Christian commitment.
(source unknown)

It's easy to talk a good game outside the home, but back where people know us is the place where Christianity really meets the biggest test.

Now as the apostle turns, he's going to deal with two more things.

First in chapter 6 he's going to talk about His Plan for the Home and the Business Relationship.

Then he's going to give us His Plan for Defense because we make a commitment to live life according to God's plan. It's going to be running uphill into the wind. We're going to have

to deny ourselves a lot. We're going to have to recognize the fact that "you do treat your body roughly and you make it serve you, lest when you've preached to others, you'd be ordered to stand aside." (ref. 1 Cor. 9:27)

Being a Christian, the evil one is not just going to stand around and let it happen. We're going to face some really difficult times and there are going to be pieces of weaponry we're going to examine.

Now there's not nearly as much of a problem with the first part of this study as there is with the second part.

One of the hardest things in the world to communicate to people in general is that they're thinking that there is a division between the sacred and secular.

For instance, we have created a mentality among believers that we are sacred on Sunday but we're secular on Monday. And when we take off our good clothes from going to church, we take God off too and we go do our thing. All the rest of the week is secular and only Sunday is sacred.

That's the furthest thing from the truth.

Colossians 3:11b

Christ is all and in all.

Christ is ALL that a man needs and He's IN ALL that a man

does.

In 1 Corinthians 10:31 the apostle says to the Corinthian assembly:

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Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, you do it to the glory of God.

God is vitally concerned, very much interested in the expression of His will in the pursuit of our endeavors—which is our work.

Our work becomes sacred when we recognize that we are performing it in the will of God, whether we are a person who has a practice or we're in sales, or we're in something else. That is the will of God for our life and the will of God for our life is doing that faithfully to the Lord.

So when we get in the business relationship, we need to change our frame of thinking and recognize that to the believer everything we do, we do to the glory of God. This is His will for our life.

Verses 1 and 5 as the KEY ones out of these 9 verses we're going to look at.

Ephesians 6:1, 5

Children, be obeying your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

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

The Spirit of God, when He invades the realm of the home, we find **THREE WORDS** that are dominant:

1. submission,
2. love, and
3. obedience.

Anything short of that is short of the Father's plan for the home.

A submissive wife, a loving husband who's involved as Christ is as the head of the church, and a child that is obedient.

Look at verse 1.

v. 1 Children, be obeying your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

“Children, be obeying your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

Wives be submissive to your husbands, for this is right.

Husbands be loving your wives, for this is right.

“Children, be obeying your parents...for this is right.”

We will never change anybody by a direct action on our part. And if we’re waiting for our kids to change to respond to us, forget it.

When we admit to our kids that we’re wrong and that we’re the problem, we’re cultivating some pretty fertile soil for getting some fantastic things done in their lives.

A mom once said:

“I discovered for the first time that my three teenage kids aren’t so bad after all. I’m really the problem. And I want to declare before you and my kids that I’m going to be a different mom. I have failed my kids.”

(source unknown)

Those three teenage kids rallied around that mom simply because she was humble enough to recognize that she was the one that was demanding too much of them. She was the one who was expecting things far beyond their capacity to perform. She was the one who was always saying no and was criticizing them and destroying their self-worth.

So many times it's not the kids who are rebellious. They're only rebelling about what they receive. And a lot of times the things that we don't like in our kids are the very things that are in our own life. We can see in our kids the very qualities of life that were repulsive to us at an earlier time in our own life if we'll just be sensitive enough to look at it.

“Children, be obeying your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”

As the wife filled with the Spirit is submissive to her husband, so the child who is actually filled with the Spirit is an obedient child—one who is responsive to the demands of the parents.

It is right. It's the natural thing to do. The Scripture commands it and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself was an example of it—if we want to share this with our children.

Jesus went back and he submitted Himself to the authority of Mary and Joseph while He grew up.

We read this:

Luke 2:51, 52

Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored away all these things in her heart. So Jesus grew both tall and wise and was loved by God and man.

Obedience on the part of the children is right before these
THREE REASONS:

1. it's **NATURAL**,
2. the Scripture **COMMANDS** it, and
3. the Lord is our **EXAMPLE** of it.

v. 2 Be honoring your father and your mother; this is the first commandment with a promise,

“Be honoring your father and your mother; this is the first commandment with a promise,”

The first one is to “be obeying your parents.”

The second one is “Be honoring your father and your mother.”

That's really a powerful message to us, isn't it?

We're living in a time when it is so easy to shove our mother and dad into the old folk's home, to never visit them, never take care of them.

To honor our parents, we have a real responsibility in their older age to become increasingly more involved in their lives because of their needs.

The one great thing we can do for our folks when things get

rough is assure them that we'll always be there.

When we honor our parents we say don't worry about it. It'll all be taken care of. We'll always be there.

That's honor. That's respect. That's telling them we appreciate what they've done for us as we have been the recipients of their kindness and their leadership during the years that we were children. Now it's our turn to be strong and to pick up the pieces and honor them as our parents.

“this is the first commandment with a promise,”

What does he mean by that?

Well when we read the Law, we recognize that there are some blessings that come from that and we'll see that in just a minute.

Eadie says:

Honor comprehends in it all that respect, reverence, love and obedience which the filial relationship so fully implies.
(source unknown)

Wuest points out:

To honor someone therefore, is to evaluate that person accurately and honestly and treat him with the deference, respect, reverence, kindness, courtesy and obedience which his

station in life or his character demands.
(source unknown)

Colossians 3:20

You children must always obey your fathers and mothers for this pleases the Lord.

v. 3 in order that it may be well with you, and in order that you may live long upon the earth.

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Verse 3 is the PROMISE that’s attached to that one commandment.

In the Old Testament, in the big 10 commandments—honor your father and mother—we have the attachment of a promise that is ours when we do that and we’re obedient.

It’s TWO-FOLD. It’s there in verse 3: “honor your father and mother”:

1. “[so] that it may be well with you”—we’ll have a good life.

We’re in a position for God to bless us, to prosper us, to care for us because we do this.

2. “in order that you may live long upon the earth.”

Long life is the second part of the promise that's put here. So it's the good life. It's the long life that comes as a result of being one who is obedient in honoring one's father and mother.

Now let's look at verse 4 because this is where we get down to some very picky details.

v. 4 And fathers, do not make your children angry, but be bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

“And fathers, do not make your children angry, but be bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

In a home we have a husband and a wife.

The husband and wife, under the normal routine of things, have children. So then they bring children into the Spirit-filled life and relationship.

Now we have to go a step further when we have children. We have a man, a husband, who's the head of his wife. But now we have a father who is the head of his home.

And once again they're held responsible for their children and their condition. The fathers have this responsibility. He doesn't talk to mothers here. He talks to fathers—the buck

stops with them! They can relegate those spankings and discipline and all that, but it's still their responsibility to "bring them up in the discipline and the instruction of the Lord."

Now how can they violate their office as a father with their children? How can they make their children angry and rebellious?

One thing that might really surprise us a great deal is that we can make our kids angry and rebellious by **TWO EXTREMES**. We've seen both of these very graphically demonstrated in the Christian community.

1. We can make our kids angry and rebellious by never raising our hand to discipline them.

We may not believe it. We just need to come around once in a while and see some of these homes that are filled with so much love but absolutely no paddle and no restraint. They're the most selfish, egotistical little brats in the classes. They are the most difficult kids in the world to teach because they're always disrupting and disturbing because they've never been restrained. Nobody's ever taught them how to be responsible for somebody else. They're only thinking about their own things and they're always involved in everything that is extraneous.

Multiplying love is not the answer with the absence of discipline.

That's one extreme. So many parents fall into this. "My parents were so strict, I'm going to love my kids and I'm really going to give them everything that I didn't get."

We can give them everything we didn't but if we don't teach them restraint, discipline, responsibility and respect, we've created an ugly monster for society. That's exactly where a lot of these kids end up.

2. The other extreme is to be so severe and so strict that the kids can't measure up to our standards of perfection and they get tired.

They say, "There's no use. I get 5 A's and 1 B and all my dad wants to talk about is the 1 B!" That ticks a kid off and no wonder the next report card comes home with 4 F's on it.

He can't perform to that level of standard of expectation on the heart of the parent and so he gets discouraged. He gets down. He feels like there's no sense in it. No matter how hard he tries, he cannot live up to the father's expectations.

So it's those two extremes that we see that are creating the rebellious, unrestrained child who is disobedient and who delights to create havoc for the parent either who is so gushy he never restrains him or on the other extreme, who disciplines him so harshly that he's going to make his parent pay for it in return.

“fathers, do not make your children angry,”

That verse is defined better in Colossians 3:21. A lot of times Paul in these epistles, when he writes them so close together, will give us another verse that will help us have insight into what he means. Listen to this. This will help.

Colossians 3:21

Fathers, don't scold your children so much that they become discouraged and quit trying.

So there we have a picture on the other side of what can cause a child to be filled with bitterness and quit trying.

Now what is Paul's concept of a good father?

Here Paul is telling the Thessalonian saints how he acted toward them but he gives us the ingredients of a successful father.

1 Thessalonians 2:11, 12

We talked to you as a father to his own children, don't you remember, pleading with you, encouraging you and even demanding that your daily lives should not embarrass God, but bring joy to Him who invited you into His kingdom to share His glory.

Out of those two verses, there are the 3 E's of a successful

father. These are what we call the 3 E's of successful fatherhood.

1. The E of ENCOURAGEMENT—Learning to encourage and to affirm and to say things which are positive.

It is incredible the change of environment and relationship when we learn how to affirm our child.

“I am so thankful that God gave me you as such a precious child! You are so special! You even exceed all my expectations. You know I don't think I could have even held your candle when I was your age. Some of the things you do are way beyond anything I was ever able to think of when I was your age.”

Why is it so hard to say those loving, gracious things to people who are so close to us?

To AFFIRM—to look for the good things and to affirm those so they're cast in concrete. That's the way we respond isn't it? When somebody affirms us over something they appreciated, we want to give ten times more. It excites us, it motivates us.

In athletics we notice the difference between coaches. The coach who can take a player who has just fouled it up and is coming off the field feeling terrible, and the coach put his arm around the player's shoulder and says something to him and then sends him with new adrenaline. That guy's going to make it. That coach has said something like, “Forget it. We all

have a tough break once in a while, let's get back in there and put this together and win this ballgame.”

That's affirmation. That's encouragement. That guy just can't wait to get back in there and demonstrate that.

But then we've seen these other coaches. They slap them on the head and kick them in their rear and smart off and the guy slinks over on the bench and throws his helmet down and sits there with his head down. And when he does get back in the ballgame he's going to prove to the coach that he's going to live up to his expectations. He's going to make another mistake. He's totally unmotivated.

If we want our kids motivated in the right direction, the first word is ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. The second word is EXHORTATION.

When we are preparing for exhortation, precede it with encouragement.

That's a funny principle but it works. Exhortation comes at teachable moments. There's a right time and a wrong time to exhort.

Precede exhortation with encouragement. Slip it in there. Look for the teachable moment when the child recognizes there's something wrong and we could say, “I have been meaning to talk to you about this. I can understand why that's

a problem because of this and this and this.”

Then we're ready. Prepare that, be involved to the point that exhortation comes at the right time so that in fact it is indelibly inscribed upon their minds so they're prepared to respond to it and not resist it and rebel against it.

3. The third E is EXAMPLE.

The greatest demonstration of truth, of priorities and of values is taught by our example and how we feel about things more than by any encouragement or exhortation.

In descending order the EXAMPLE is the most powerful thing.

They can SEE what we DO more than they can HEAR what we SAY. They're going to watch it in our life. "Show me daddy how it is to live."

William Barclay said:

There are three ways in which we can do injustice to our children. First we can forget that things do change, that the customs of one generation are not the customs of another. Two, we can exercise such a control that the very control is an insult to our own upbringing of our children. To keep a child too long in leading strings is simply to say that we do not trust him. Third, we can forget the duty of encouragement. Luther's father was very strict, too strict, strict to the point of cruelty.

Luther used to say, spare the rod and spoil the child, that is true, but beside the rod, keep an apple to give him when he has done well.

(source unknown)

This summarizes what we're talking about when it comes to the spirit-filled father functioning in the nurture and admonition of the Lord—the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Now it is the father's responsibility, in discipline and instruction, to be a person who demonstrates in the home what Christ does for the church in His dealings with us.

Here's a good verse:

1 Samuel 12:23

Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you, that I will teach you the good and the right way.

Here's a great story of a father and a small child that demonstrates well the function of fatherhood:

A godly man was obliged to spend long periods of time away from home. Returning on one occasion to his family he went out into his vegetable garden to pull weeds from a patch of beans. One of his small children, a little girl four or five years of age, came out to "help daddy." While he was on his knees

moving down a row of beans, the little darling worked along behind him calling out from time to time, “I’se a helpin’ you, Daddy.” The affectionate father would call back, “All right, darling,” and go on with his work. Reaching the end of the row, he turned about, and what did he see? His willing little helper had come along behind him and instead of pulling weeds, she had pulled up all the beans! Now what did he do? Become angry and give the child a good beating? No! He gathered her into his arms, gave her a great big hug to show his gratitude for her good intentions to “help Daddy,” carried her to the house where she would be kept from giving him further “help.”

(source unknown)

This statement is classic:

The child had a perfect heart, but a faulty head. Her motive was faultless but not her service. Many times we are like that in the service of our Heavenly Father. And be it said to His praise that He judges and rewards us not according to the perfection or otherwise of our intelligence and service, but according to the purity of intent and the quality of spirit that was back of all of it.

(source unknown)

There’s one other great principle for dads that is invaluable

Learn how to **RESPOND** to children rather than to **REACT** to them.

It'll keep us from so many mistakes if we'll learn how to respond from a position of strength rather than react immediately.

We can say some hurtful and ugly things when we're reacting. But when we're responding under control and we've had time to cool, it'll be amazing how wise we'll become with just a little time of restraint and silence before we speak to the issue.

Now that's the HOME RELATIONSHIP.

Let's look at the BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP in these last few verses.

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

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

How is the Spirit-filled man supposed to go about the pursuit of his business endeavors? How is he supposed to make a living? How in God's plan is he to relate to the authority that is around him and over him?

In essence we've taken slaves and put the EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE relationship here.

Employees, how are we supposed to act now that we're a Christian? There are four guidelines that he gives us here in these verses—verses 5-8.

The first guideline that is given is there in verse 5:

1. “be obeying those according to the flesh who are your masters, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;”

Now what is the deal? Are we supposed to fear our boss? Are we supposed to be shaky around him? Is that what that's saying?

That's exactly the same two words we run into in the book of Philippians.

Remember what he says? “Work out your own salvation with”—WHAT?—“with fear and trembling.” (ref. Philippians 2:12)

It's exactly the same word.

“Fear” is the anxiety to do the right thing.

“Trembling” is feeling the responsibility of it.

It's wanting to be a good witness to our boss. It's sensing our responsibility in that situation to be a good employee. To do the very best for him or for the company. We were doing it

with fear in the sense that there is a deep desire, knowing that we're going to be held accountable for this, that we're going to do it well.

“in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;”

We're not working for a company, for a firm. We're working for the Lord.

Paul is in a Roman prison but he's a prisoner of Christ.

We might be working for some secular firm but really in our heart as a believer, we're working for the Lord. And the Lord's means of caring for us and our needs and the needs of our family come through that endeavor.

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See there it is!

We have a NEGATIVE and a POSITIVE in verse 6. But we have the next guideline, and here it is:

NEGATIVELY—“not in the way of eye service, as men-pleasers.”

What is that?

Work our tail off when the boss is around but when he's gone, sit around and drink coffee.

The Lord really does not have much time for hypocrites. Guys who are always trying on the surface to look one way and down inside they're the other way.

He says as a believer we're not out to impress anybody. We don't have to. We have a consistent way of life. We've committed ourselves to this as being the will of God so we're going to work hard whether the boss is there or not. We don't have anybody to impress.

“not in the way of eye service, as men-pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.”

We are a servant of Jesus Christ not this company. And we're “doing the will of God.” This is the “will of God” for us.

And we're doing it “from the heart.” We're giving it everything we have.

We put Colossians 3:22-25 right there because it says almost the same thing.

Colossians 3:22-25

You slaves must always obey your earthly masters, not only trying to please them when they are watching you but all the time. Obey them willingly because of your love for the Lord and because you want to please Him. Work hard and cheerfully at all you do just as though you were working for the Lord and not merely for your masters, remembering that it is the Lord Christ who is going to pay you, giving you a full portion of all He owns. He's the One you are really working for and if you don't do your best for Him, He will pay you in a way that you won't like for He has no special favors who can get away with shirking.

v. 7 With good will rendering service, as to the Lord and not men,

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Now there's our third guideline:

3. working “to the Lord and not to men.”

Colossians 3:23 and 1 Corinthians 15:58 go here.

1 Corinthians 15:58

So my dear brothers, be strong and steady, always abounding in the Lord's work for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever wasted ...

v. 8 knowing that each one, whatever good he may do, this he will receive from the Lord, whether he is a slave or whether he is free.

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The fourth thing is we’re going to be held accountable before the Lord for what we did, whether we’re an employer or an employee.

2 Corinthians 5:10

We must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

In our work and in our business, that’s the will of God for our life. We’re going to be held accountable for the way we conducted our affairs in that business. God is going to deal with us in accordance with our work.

Now he has one final word and he’s going to talk to the employers now for just a second in verse 9, our last verse in this study.

v. 9 And masters, do the same to them, giving up your threatening, knowing that also their Master and

yours is in heaven, and there is not partiality with Him.

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What can an employer do sometimes? He can use authority in the wrong way, can't he?

He can use authority by saying “If you don't do it you're losing your job!”

Using authority to threaten, to cajole. Using authority to cause things to happen that shouldn't happen that would be glorifying. But not be glorifying to God.

Here he's saying if you're a Christian employer, “give up your threatening,” knowing that because you're an employer you also have a responsibility to the greater Employer in the sky.

We all operate under the realm of authority at some point. So employers who have people under them, recognize that God's going to judge us whether we are an employer or an employee.

We have these lessons that come from our study:

Lesson #1: Submission, love and obedience are the ingredients of a godly home.

Lesson #2: Fatherhood involves encouragement, exhortation, and example.

Lesson #3: A job is transformed when you see it as serving the Lord.

Lesson #4: Leaders are held responsible for the right use of authority.

Lesson #5: Children are to be obeying their parents in the Lord for this is right. They are also to be honoring their father and their mother.

Lesson #6: To the obedient heart will come the response from the Father that it will be well with you and you may live long upon the earth.

Lesson #7: Fathers be careful to not make your children angry, but be bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Lesson #8: Employees are challenged to be obeying their employers.

Lesson #9: The obedience of employees as a job description is to be:

- a) with fear and trembling
- b) in sincerity of heart
- c) as to Christ
- d) not in the way of eye-service as men-pleasers

- e) as servants of Christ
- f) doing the will of God from the heart

Lesson #10: Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, do your work heartily as for the Lord rather than for men.”

Lesson #11: The employee is to do his work with goodwill, rendering service as to the Lord, and not men.

Lesson #12: It is a comforting thought to know that the Lord is having his eyes upon us. He sees what we do in a good way and we will receive a reward from the Lord.

Lesson #13: Command #6 is for the employers. Do the same thing to them, giving up your threatening, knowing that also their Master and yours is in Heaven.

Lesson #14: It is comforting to know that the ground is level at the cross of Christ.

We’ve looked at that and have been totally overwhelmed. Another question as we close. Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?

If we’re not, this does seem terribly overwhelming. Because He is the only one who can cause us to speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing in grace and making melody in our hearts to the Lord. Submitting to one another, loving one another, being obedient to one another, becoming the kind of person that is representing Jesus Christ

in a secular world.

Father, we come before You and thank You that Your word is so practical. The problem is with our willingness to do it Your way. We would pray that as we have examined the home and the relationships of parents to children, and the responsibility of the father before You, that You'd enable us to be wise, to be sensible, to be Spirit-led and Spirit-filled. In our relationships with our families and our relationships at work that we would reflect the attitudes of the person of Jesus Christ. For it's in the Savior's name we pray, Amen.

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NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read Ephesians 6:1-9 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are children to do in the family & why according to verse 1?

3. What are the three reasons for children to be honoring their parents according to verses 2 & 3?

4. There is a negative & a positive command for fathers in verse 4. What are they?

5. Define the roles of employees in verse 5 & how they perform their work.

6. There is one negative & two positives in verse 6 for employees. What are they?

7. What is the bottom line for our work according to verse 7?

8. Outline the responsibility for employees according to verse 9.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

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LESSON #5: Children are to be obeying their parents in the Lord for this is right. They are also to be honoring their father and their mother.

LESSON #6: To the obedient heart will come the response from the Father that it will be well with you and you may live long upon the earth.

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LESSON #7: Fathers be careful to not make your children angry, but be bringing them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

LESSON #8: Employees are challenged to be obeying their employers.

LESSON #9: The obedience of employees as a job description is to be:

- g) with fear and trembling
- h) in sincerity of heart
- i) as to Christ
- j) not in the way of eye-service as men-pleasers
- k) as servants of Christ
- l) doing the will of God from the heart

LESSON #10: Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, do your work heartily as for the Lord rather than for men.”

LESSON #11: The employee is to do his work with goodwill, rendering service as to the Lord, and not men.

LESSON #12: It is a comforting thought to know that the Lord is having his eyes upon us. He sees what we do in a good way and we will receive a reward from the Lord.

LESSON #13: Command #6 is for the employers. Do the same thing to them, giving up your threatening, knowing that also their Master and yours is in Heaven.

LESSON #14: It is comforting to know that the ground is level at the cross of Christ.

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