

EPHESIANS – CHAPTER 6

Verses 1–4 Children and Parents

- Vs 1 Children are to obey because it is right;
It is the best and proper course to follow in society.
Not doing so is indicative of depravity. Rom 1:30; 2Tim 3:2
- Vs 2 Second commandment with a promise
First commandment (of primary importance) to the child
See Ex 20:5–6
- Vs 3 Paul is quoting a verse given in the context of the Old Covenant.
Apparently the "general principle" still holds true today?
A successful life requires the ability to "take direction."
If it is not learned in childhood, the child has less of a chance to prosper after he grows.
- Vs 4 Fathers (the governmental head)
1. do not exasperate
 2. do not cause to become discouraged Col 3:21
 3. nourish
 4. provide for both the physical and spiritual needs
 5. discipline Heb 12:8
 6. train
 7. instruct
- All of the above done "in the Lord"

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Verses 5–8 Slaves to Masters

Vs 5 Slaves (Employees) be obedient with:

1. fear and trembling
2. in sincerity of heart
3. as to Christ
4. not by way of eyeservice
5. not as men-pleasers

Slaves (Employees) of Christ

1. doing the will of God
2. from the heart
3. with good will
4. as to the Lord, not men
5. knowing

Vs 9 Masters (Employers)

same thing – please the Lord in your dealings with
your employees

Give up threatening

Knowing

God is the One who places the human –

Fill it as unto HIM.

Believers are responsible for putting on the full armor which results in wearing His Might.

Vs 11 Able to stand (not advance or attack Satan – but – hold the territory Ephesians – chapter 6 continued

Vs 10 Chapter 4 & 5 – THEREFORE 4:1,17; 5:1,7,15

Verse 1 Walk in a manner worthy

Verse 17 Walk no longer

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Verse 2 Walk in love

Verse 8 Walk as children of light

Verse 15 Be careful how you walk

FINALLY – using God's resources, stand against evil powers

Be strong IN God's inherent strength; not only by the person of the Lord, but also by His resources. Phil 4:13

already taken by the Lord). Eph 4:27

Without doing this we will be defeated by the schemes; craftiness. Rom 13:11–14; Eph 4:11–14; 2:1–3

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Vs 12 Our struggle is against – this enemy

rulers

powers

world forces of this darkness

spiritual forces of wickedness

Our real enemy is not flesh and blood; it is those who
reside in the heavenlies.

Dan 10:8–21; Job 1:6–7ff; 2Cor 4:3–4

Vs 13 FINALLY – THEREFORE

Having done everything needed to stand firm – STAND FIRM!

Having put on

Put on or Pick up

Able to resist in the evil day

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Vs 14–17 Armor needed to stand firm or resist

Vs 14 1. Having (past tense, completed action)
girded your loins with truth

2. Having
put on the breastplate of righteousness

Vs 15 3. Having
shod your feet with the "preparation of
the Gospel of Peace

Vs 16 In addition to all (take imperative)
1. Taking up the shield of Faith

Vs 17 2. Putting on the helmet of Salvation
having one's head guarded by a helmet
gives one a sense of security
1 Thes 5:8

3. Taking hold of the sword of the Spirit;
the Word of God – an utterance of God –
that which Christ used Matt 4:1–11

Vs 18 4. With all prayer and petition – for all the saints

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5. BEING ON THE ALERT

STAND FIRM

Vs 19–20 Paul not only wanted them to pray for all in general but also for him, specifically

NOTE: Paul's request for prayer is very specific – that he make known with boldness, "the mystery of the Gospel".

1. the reason he is in chains

2. the defense he is about to give

Vs 21–22 Tychicus is the bearer of the Epistle
a dear brother
a faithful servant in the Lord
a fellow servant Col 4:7

Acts 20:4; 2Tim 4:12; Titus 3:12

Tychicus would tell them:

how Paul was

what he was doing

in order to encourage the Ephesians Eph 3:13

Vs 23 Salutation – Peace, Love, Faith

Vs 24 Benediction – Grace be with all

