

Outline of Ephesians 4-6

II. Living in keeping with God's eternal purpose (4:1-6:24)

A. Walk worthy of your calling (4:1-5:21)

1. Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit (4:2-16)
2. Put off the old man and put on the new man (4:17-32)
3. Imitate God and walk in wisdom (5:1-21)

B. Submission in the fear of God (5:21-6:9)

1. Wives (5:21-33)
2. Husbands (5:21-33)

3. Children

4. Fathers

5. Servants

6. Masters

C. Be strong in the Lord (6:10-24)

Submission in the Fear of God

- Children to Parents
 - Obey your parents in the Lord
 - Why?
 - “for this is right”
 - Proverbs 1:8-9; 6:20-22
 - Romans 1:30
 - Honor your father and mother
 - Why?
 - “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth”
 - Honor:
 - Matthew 15:1-6
 - 1 Timothy 5:3-8

Submission in the Fear of God

- Fathers to Children
- Both negative & positive command
 - Do not provoke to wrath
 - Colossians 3:21
 - Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord
 - Literally, “nurture them in the discipline and the admonition of the Lord”
 - Nurture – to nourish and rear up tenderly and carefully (Caldwell, p.294)
 - Discipline (chastening) – involves instruction, discipline, and corrective teaching; Vines: “...suggesting the Christian discipline that regulates character”
 - Hebrews 12:5-11 (chastening)
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 (instruction)
 - Admonition – putting in mind what is right; Harkrider: “to counsel, to give verbal instruction with a view to correct”
 - 1 Corinthians 10:11
 - Titus 3:10