

ishment” and “rebuke,” which suggests: Paul advises parents to chastise and orally rebuke their children when necessary.

The Christian parent is to bring their child up according to the Scriptures in discipline, teaching them social graces; and training them to bring about personal and spiritual growth.

Servants are also advised to be obedient to those who are over them as they would the Lord.

4. What 6 commands does Paul give for servants in Ephesians 6:5-8?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

(6) _____

5. What are the 3 warnings to the masters in Ephesians 6:9?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

commit adultery, is she supposed to obey? Of course not!

1. Because common sense is a part of our God given gift to make godly choices, I would like to share a story that might bring more light to the woman and her priorities. A woman with six children is confused by this feeling she is called to go to India, alone, to live, and leave her husband and family of small children behind. Her godly husband believes she is being deceived, but tells her to seek God about it.

(a) Is this God? or is this woman being deceived?

(b) What kind of advice would you give her if you were her pastor? (ref. I Timothy 2:13-15; Titus 2:4,5) _____

2. *The Love of Husbands* (5:25-33)

Let not wives think that husbands go scot-free in this relationship. Paul has something to say to the husband too. St. Chrysostom commented: “Hast thou seen the measure of obedience? hear also the

measure of love. Wouldst thou that thy wife should obey thee as the Church does Christ? have care thyself for her, as Christ for the Church.” ¹

Love your wives (25), Paul writes to the husbands. The word **love** is a present imperative (*agapate*) and means to “continue to love” or “go on loving.” The love that brought husband and wife together in marriage must be nurtured and expressed as the years of marriage pass. Throughout the marital years, husbands should love their wives as they did on the day they took them as brides. ¹

Husbands must love their wives, **even as Christ also loved the Church**. In this analogy Paul characterizes the love that a husband is to have for his wife. Christ’s love for the Church is the supreme example of all loves, and in this instance the love which a husband must demonstrate toward his wife. ¹

a. *Christ’s Love Was a Self-giving Love* (5:25).

b. *Christ’s Love Was a Sanctifying Love* (5:26-27).

The object of Christ’s great sacrifice of Himself in death, provoked by His unsurpassed love, was the sanctification of the Church.

c. *Christ’s Love Was a Sustaining and Caring Love* (5:28-31)

d. *Christ’s Love Is a Mystery* (5:32-33). ¹

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, Volume 9, p. 241- 246.

COMMANDS TO CHILDREN AND SERVANTS (Ephesians 6:1-9)

This is a more difficult submission to understand for a child, than for an adult. If a small child is not taught the Scriptures, how can he or she know what is right and wrong? But when the child grows to the age of accountability, which I believe, is the time of life when one knows there is a difference, he or she becomes accountable for their sins.

Paul is talking to “born again;” Christian children here in Ephesians 6:1-3. Children are commanded to obey their parents as they would the Lord: “For this is right,” Paul adds (see Proverbs 23:22; Colossians 3:20).

1. What is the first commandment: with a promise attached? (Ephesians 6:2) _____

2. What is this promise? (Ephesians 6:3; Exodus 20:12) _____

Paul, then turns to the responsibility of the head of the household, the fathers (Ephesians 6:4).

3. How is the father advised to nurture his children in Ephesians 6:4? _____

Nurture and *Admonition* can be translated pun-