

INTRODUCTION

- * Based upon the greatness of their calling, believers are challenged to "Walk worthy of the calling with which [they] were called."
- * We have seen Paul's challenge for them to "Walk worthy" in the body of Christ - seeking unity and synergy in the body of Christ; and in the world - living transformed and sanctified lives. We are no longer to think like the Gentiles think; we are no longer to act like the Gentiles act. Rather, we are to have the mind of Christ and put on the new man which is created by God in true righteousness and holiness.
- * Last week, we began to consider how we are to "Walk Worthy" within three specific relationships that we have in this world: marital, parental, and occupational relationships. We saw that in our marital relationships, we are to model the relationship that Christ has with the Church.
- * Today, we will consider how can "Walk Worthy" in our parental and occupational relationships.

INSTRUCTION

I. IN YOUR PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP

A. The Command to Children (v. 1-3)

1. YOU ARE TOLD TO OBEY YOUR PARENTS (v. 1; cf. Colossians 3:20; Romans 1:30; 2 Timothy 3:1-2)
 - a. The Qualification: _____ (cf. Acts 5:29)
 - b. The Reason: _____
 - c. The Illustrations (cf. Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 1:23-27)
2. YOU ARE TOLD TO HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (v. 2-3; cf. Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Matt 15:4-6)
 - * cf. Proverbs 1:8-9; 15:5; 20:20; 23:22; 28:24; 30:11, 17

B. The Command to Fathers (v. 4)

1. NEGATIVELY:
2. POSITIVELY:
 - a. Nurture
 - * paideia - training; instruction; tutoring; cf. 2 Tim 3:16 "instruction"; Hebrews 12:5,7,8,11 "chastisement" ... musar
 - * paideuo - to train, educate, discipline; cf. Luke 23:16,22; Acts 7:22; 1 Tim 1:20; Titus 2:12; Heb 12:6,7,10; Rev 3:19
 - b. Admonition
 - * nouthesia - placement in the mind; cf. 1 Cor 10:11; Titus 3:10;
 - * noutheteo - to warn; put it into your mind cf. Col 1:28; 3:16; 1 Thess 5:12

II. IN YOUR OCCUPATIONAL RELATIONSHIP

A. The Command to Bondslaves (v. 5-8)

1. _____
2. _____

What does that look like?

B. The Command to Masters (v. 9)

1. _____
2. _____

INTROSPECTION

- * KIDS ... ARE **YOU** WALKING WORTHY OF THE CALLING WITH WHICH YOU WERE CALLED?
 - Are you honoring God by honoring your parents?
- * DADS ... ARE **YOU** WALKING WORTHY OF THE CALLING WITH WHICH YOU WERE CALLED?
 - Are you self-sacrificingly leading in the training of your children?
 - Are you glorifying God in your training of your children?
- * EMPLOYEES ... ARE **YOU** SERVING CHRIST, OR MAN? ARE YOU SERVING CHRIST, OR SELF?
- * OWNERS/MANAGERS ... ARE **YOU** TREATING YOUR EMPLOYEES AS YOU WOULD WANT TO BE TREATED?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How does the way we perform our marital, parental and occupational roles affect our evangelistic efforts?
- * How can we effectively assist one another in glorifying God in these specific roles?