

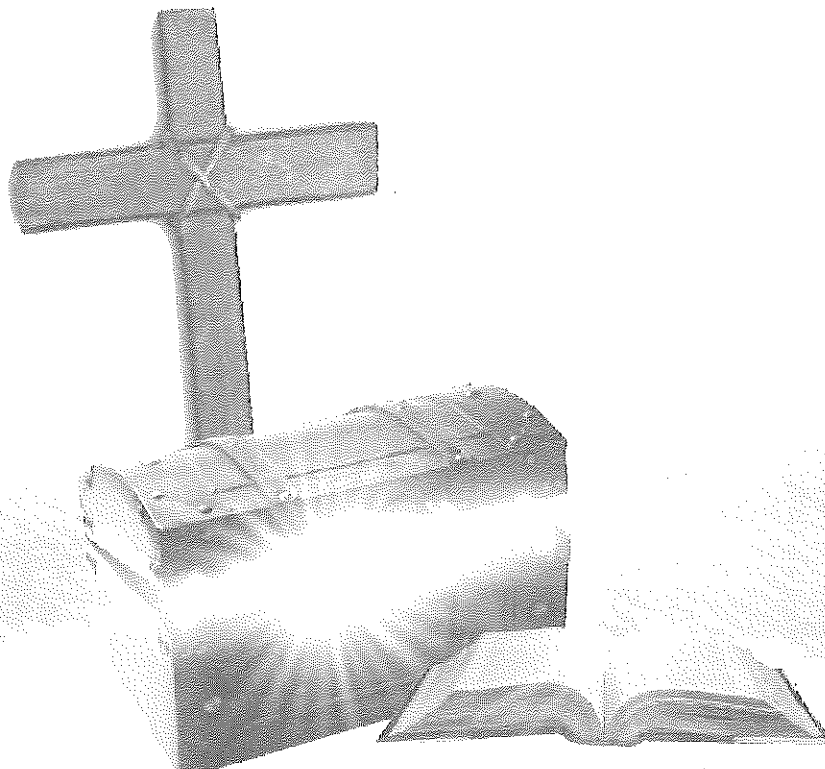
TRUE TREASURES

LESSON 16

The *Treasure* of Right Relationships 2

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right....but bring them up in the discipline
and instruction of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:1 and 4b
(ESV)



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Ephesians 6:1-4

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THE RIGHT RELATIONSHIP FOR CHILDREN

6:1-3

*"I'll lend you for a little while a child of mine, God said.
It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three,
but will you...take care of him for me?"*

Unknown

A. The **natural** law

B. The **divine** law

1. It is **commanded** by God.
2. There is a **promise**.
 - a. Children will be kept from **harm's** way.
 - b. Children will be spared **bad habits**.
 - c. Children will develop **character**.

C. **How?** In the Lord...

- 1 Through **listening**
2. Through **right attitude**

THE RIGHT RELATIONSHIP FOR PARENTS

6:4

A. How do we **provoke**?

1. Fault **finding**
2. **Neglect**
3. **Inconsistency**

B. What is the **balance** of "nurture and admonition"?

1. What is nurture? **Love**
2. What is admonition? **Training**
 - a. **Discipline**
 - b. **Instruction**

"ICE Plan - Instruction, consequences, exercise."

Bob Barnes

SUMMARIZING THE TREASURES WE POSSESS

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON 17

"The ground is level at the cross."

Unknown

Read Ephesians 6:5-9.

Day 1

1. What is the central truth of this passage?

2. What are some key words in this passage? What is their significance?

Day 2

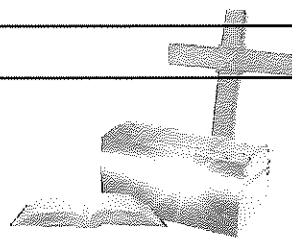
3. What is the modern-day equivalent to the slave/master relationship? Why do you think this issue was addressed in the relationship section of Ephesians?

4. With the issue of working relations between employer/employee—worker/authority figure, what should be the premise with which to begin according to Ephesians 5:21?

Day 3

5. Summarize the instructions for employees in verses 5-8.

6. List the words used to describe the correct attitude. What is the meaning of each word? Give modern-day examples.



7. According to verses 6b-7, what should the motive be for the correct attitude?

Day 4

8. What attitudes do you think God will reward as stated in verse 8? What attitude is Paul trying to steer them away from?

9. To what treatment does "in the same way" refer to for employers in verse 9?

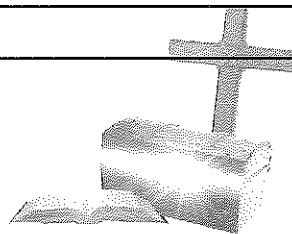
10. What attitude should employers exhibit according to verse 9?

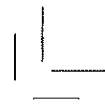
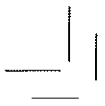
Day 5

11. What "bottom line" does verse 9b teach us? See also Galatians 3:28.

12. What specific lesson did God teach you through this study? How will it change you?

13. Summarize in practical terms, the treasure you possess through Christ, according to this passage.





OPTIONAL:

For further study read John 13:1-17 and summarize these events and what Jesus was teaching all of us. Describe how it relates to the present lesson and how it applies to you.

OPTIONAL CHALLENGE: Memorize Ephesians 6:7 (NIV).

