

Ephesians: From Death to Life
Life at Home and Work
Ephesians 6:1-9

As humanity continues to rebel against our Creator's principles for families and for work, we will find that our homes and workplaces often become the scenes of our most obvious failings and flaws. They can become not only dysfunctional but also deeply unhappy places. So, when Christ took on flesh to save us, by living our Christian life for us, he was born into the family of a workman to live perfectly by the principles of our Creator. And when he died in our place for our sins, he was punished for all our weakness and wickedness, at home and at work, so that we can be forgiven and seek his strength to change.

1. The gospel is revealed in children that honor and obey.

2. The gospel is revealed in parents that nurture and teach.

3. The gospel is revealed in workers that are honest and diligent.

4. The gospel is revealed in bosses that are fair and equitable.

Paul said that "the truth is in Jesus" (4:21). Give your children Christ-centered instruction. As you walk with them, drive them places, play with them, and have meals with them, talk about Jesus! Talk about His incarnation, His death, His resurrection, and His lordship. Danny Akin advises parents well: "Have fun and talk about Jesus a lot." We are to lead our children to the truth that is in Jesus, ultimately so they may submit to the Lord that is Jesus. We give them to Jesus, but we also give them Jesus.

Reflection

What motivation, goals, and hope do believers have when we care for children and how are they different from those of non-believers? Why is it important to set a Christlike example for children? Whose responsibility is it to disciple children? What can parents do to avoid having their authority undermined? How should verses 5-9 inform our work ethic? How should it change the way we relate to people? How should it help us evaluate our priorities?