

Study of Ephesians – Week 9

Pray and ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to help you understand the Bible and that its truth would be revealed to you as you study. Then, read the passages of Scripture designated for each day and answer the questions, using the referenced verses.

DAY 1. Read and review Ephesians 5:22-32.

1.) List and describe a verse or specific truth from Ephesians 5:22-32 that stood out to you from the study last week. Explain why.

2.) Read and review Ephesians 5:22-32. Read verse 5:29, and list some ways that Christ cares for the church.

3.) As we discussed from Eph. 5:20, Paul directs that we are to “always give thanks” to God the Father for “everything.” Praise is both a discipline and a spontaneous response to God’s goodness. Fill out the chart below as a practice to worship God.

Tell God all the things you appreciate about Him, His character...	Give thanks for what you know about God from your study of Ephesians...

DAY 2. Read Ephesians 6:1-4, and answer the questions.

1.) What two reasons does Paul give for obeying parents?

2.) Children are to “honor” their parents. What is the difference between obedience and honor?

3.) Read and review the passages below that give Biblical instruction for children. List the command for each:

- a.) Ephesians 6:1-3
- b.) Colossians 3:20
- c.) Exodus 20:12 (the 5th Commandment)

DAY 3. Read Ephesians 6:1-9, and answer the questions.

- 1.) In Ephesians 6:4, Paul gives guidance and limits to parental authority. Look up “exasperate” in the dictionary and write out a definition.

- 2.) How does the phrase “training and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4) both empower and limit parental authority?

- 3.) To “bring up” is to nourish and care for a child. How does a parent bring up a child “in the training and instruction of the Lord”?

- 4.) Some parents are better than others. Whether good or bad, through them God our Father works in our lives. How has God used your parents to teach and shape you?

DAY 4. Read Ephesians 6:6-9, and answer the questions.

- 1.) What is the *behavior* required of a slave to a master? What is the *attitude* required of a slave to the master?

- 2.) How do these verses give insight to the motive Christ-followers should have in all relationships?

- 3.) We are all in positions of accountability to some one else. And, we have some responsibility to supervise others. Write down 3 ways that submission to Christ will affect the way you think and act in both of these situations.

Authority Over Others	Accountable to Others