

# Practical Christianity (Parenthood)

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Today we are going to go to Ephesians chapter 6 and look at some of the verses there. (KJV)

- :1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.***
- :2 Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)*** It talks about the Law there. It looks as if Paul is still using the Law there and I will explain what is going on there.
- :3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.***
- :4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.***
- :5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;***
- :6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;***
- :7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:***
- :8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.***
- :9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening:*** (That's a powerful part we are going to look at) ***knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with Him.***
- :10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.***
- :11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.***

Now when we look at that verse, it starts off with the children that need to be obedient to their parents in the Lord. We have looked at that verse and we can just think that a child must just obey his parents and it doesn't matter what. It doesn't matter if the parent is reasonable or unreasonable. Now, before I get to the child I want to just go over to what he talks about the parents because, obviously, they need to first be parents before they can be children and I believe the greatest responsibility is with the parents and how the parent treats the child. I'm not into and I don't believe in this modern kind of a thing where the children have all the rights and the parents are just "slaves" and all those kind of things. I don't think that is a healthy situation. We need to understand that the context of Ephesians 6 is the Christian home and the Christian business. Let us understand that and let that be known to you. We are going to use the dynamics there is in the Trinity, the heart of God, and we are going to see how we, from that perspective, we can treat our children and how our children need to treat their parents and how we will go about in the workplace.

We will just touch on the first verse and next Sunday I will continue to speak on spiritual warfare and what that is all about --- the armor, the clothing and all those kinds of things.

The first thing he says to the parents is, "Parents, don't provoke your children unto wrath but educate them, basically, in the admonition of the Lord. So the job of the parent towards his child is, and I want to tell you that maybe your children are already out of the house and you might feel, "I didn't do a good job... I wish I knew the Grace message... I wish that I could have taught my children and brought them up in this message." I don't want you to walk with guilt. I don't want you to have that, "I wish it could be", as the thing from where you live. You know, you cannot live with guilt as your Father. You cannot, as a parent, think "I wish I could have done that and I wish I could have done that!" That is going to bring you nowhere. It's only going to produce guilt in you and then guilt will be the father of the things you do for your children. A very important thing that we need to realize is that God, where He sits in heaven, doesn't feel guilty towards anybody on account of what happened in Adam. In other words, because of Adam's sin, a lot of pain and all those kind of things came into the world and God in the Trinity, the Father, doesn't feel, isn't motivated by guilt. He doesn't sit there thinking, "Oh my goodness, I feel so guilty towards the babies that are born today. I feel so guilty towards the people who are suffering today and I wish it never happened and then from that guilt He decides to do things, special things for them, and then actually blessing them with a kingdom and blessing them with His life, because He feels guilty. That's not what the Bible says. The Bible does not say, "For God felt so sorry for the world, or God felt so guilty about what Adam did, that He gave His Son."

So as a start, I want to say to all the parents, "You cannot, now that you have entered into the message of Grace, use a principle for life that does not exist in the Trinity, for you have not been made to function from any other spirit but the Spirit of perfection which declares that you have been perfected, that you are completely forgiven, that you are unified with the Father, that the life of God is your life, the life of Christ is your life and God abrideth not--- what that means is that God takes no account of the past. So you cannot come and when you want to deal with your children, when you want to be a good parent, you know, you cannot walk in regret towards the time of the past. What you can do is you can go to your children and say, "You know, Mom and Dad just realized that we didn't believe things about God what was true. There were things in our life that we did and said towards you which was right and good. Other things we did out of a life born from guilt and an obligation and legalism." So one can go and tell that to your child and say to them, "You know, I am going to, as from today, just continue to love you but from this new revelation that Christ has given me." It's wonderful if a parent can communicate to his child what is in his heart. Many times, we as parents, have a pride in our hearts that when we've been wrong about something, that we don't want to acknowledge that towards our children thinking that that is a weakness and that our children are not going to have respect for us should we acknowledge that we have been wrong.. From the beginning I've said that one of the greatest things that bring respect to a child's heart towards his parents is when he can see, when a child can see that his mom and dad were actually wrong but the mom and dad can come and acknowledge that and say, "Can you just forgive me for that? I know I have been wrong there. I've done wrong. You can just apologize towards your child in the area where you have been wrong. I think that is a good start.

Let me recap on the two points:

1. We cannot have a life born from guilt and condemnation. You cannot just said, "Oh, I wish I just knew the Truth and I wish I raised my kids this way." Wishing for stuff that is gone... that "only if"... "If" cannot help you now. What can help you is just facing Christ and who you really are and living from that reality is not too late.
2. If you have something on your heart, go and share it with your child. Tell your child. "Listen, I raised you to the best of my ability with what I knew and with what I believed in my heart but my belief is changing and I've come to a new knowledge of Who Christ is and who I am and who you are. So I am just going to live toward you from that perspective." You can also say that you will make mistakes sometimes in your life but you just want to come and share how much you love them.

Then it says, "Don't provoke them to wrath." What does that mean? What does it mean not to provoke your child to wrath? A lot of time you will find a teenager or some of the children sometimes just go through times where they are upset or angry and they don't even know why. There's like an instability. What does that wrath talk about? That wrath does not talk about don't do anything that would cause your child to become angry. Your child might become angry if you tell him, "Listen, I don't think it is the best thing for you to do this or to do that." He might be upset and that's not what he is talking about. He's not talking about trying to do just everything right so your child just smiles every day and you never disagree with your child. That is not what he is talking about. When it talks about wrath there, it talks about the wrath of God. That's what I believe it talks about. So let us not raise our children in a way that can provoke him unto wrath.

What is wrath? **Wrath is when you train up your child in legalism** and you train up your child in having a value for, now I need to use the right words here... it's when you train up your child having a wrong kind of respect towards money, towards status, towards works righteousness and legalism wherein the child finds his identity in what he does, what he accomplishes in this life, where he is praised when he wins something and when he doesn't do that good he feels that he is broken down as a person. He says, "Don't train yourself up in a place where it is given over to the effects of unbelief in the finished work of Jesus Christ." And that is wrath actually means. (You can go to my website and in the Search area type in WRATH and you will find a teaching that I did in the United States on the Wrath of God. In that teaching, the sound quality and the visual quality wasn't that good but it was still an awesome message on the wrath on God explaining that **the wrath of God is God's passion for having people live from the persuasion of their heart and should the persuasion of their heart be, whatever that persuasion would be, would be what they live from. God would never partner with legalism and law and give life to legalism and law.** So, what he is saying is, if you want to live by your works, you will actually die and God is not going to give life to the System of Death. And if you don't want to have life for free, as a free gift, your identity in who God is, in other words, where God freely gives all of His righteousness as a gift unto you, where all holiness is given for free, where you don't have to have the highest marks in school, where you don't have to have your life defined by if you are an engineer or if you're somebody who sweeps the streets. It doesn't matter! **Your identity is in the identity that He provided. So if we are teaching our children and bringing them up in a legalistic way we are provoking them unto wrath.** So, he says, "Let us bring them up. Let us bring them up, let us teach them in the admonition of the Lord." What that

means is and I don't want to say that I am the perfect parent. I am just going to share from my life and how I deal with my children. I'm going to use my oldest son as an example. My oldest son is a hard worker and a very responsible child. If he needs to study, he will study. If there is a party that he is invited to but there's schoolwork to do, he will tell the guys that he can't come and he will stick to his schoolwork. When it comes to sports for instance... his one lung collapsed a year ago and he was in the hospital for a week and was not allowed to do any sports. He came out of the hospital and he was responsible and he would not do the sports but he was at every hockey practice. He was there even if he was just seated next to the field because of that sense of commitment and responsibility that he has in him. Obviously he can see that he possesses something that a lot of the other children don't have. As a parent, I can now praise him for all the good that he does and I do. I do tell him, "My son, that is a very good quality that I see in you and I give the Lord praise for what He is bringing forth in you for that is how God is towards mankind." But what I will not do is have him find his identity in what he does. I will always tell him, "The child who is not as faithful as what you are is just as much loved by God as what you are loved by God. The fact that you average in the eighties for your school marks and that you do very well does not mean that you are special to God. We just thank God for what He has given us and who you are cannot be defined in how good your marks are or what bad marks you get." So, this thing works both ways and as you train your child in that, and like I said, if your children are still young, great! You can do it when they are small. Whenever my children would do something wrong, or get bad marks or like my youngest son, some years ago --- there was a girl that came to our house. She was good friends with him. They were just in Grade 2 or 3 and they played at the house and when she was alone I said to her, "Does Bertus behave in class?" She said, "No, not at all!" I asked, "What does he do?" She said, "He is actually quite naughty!" And then Bertus came and he heard that and she said, "Well, you know, he is not that naughty. He's just the way I like him." Then I said, "What does he do?" She says that when the teacher tells him to sit down, he doesn't do it. So the teacher... now listen, this is South Africa... you guys that watch from the U.S. might get a heart attack when you hear this but to us it is just nothing. It's just nothing. What the teacher did was she tied him to his chair and said, "Now you will sit here." Then what my son said after that was, "Dad, you know how difficult it is when she ties me to the chair because now I have to walk in class having a chair strapped to my back!" Now that is not what I want to hear as a local pastor in town that my child walks around like that and doesn't obey. But what I would tell my child is, I would tell him, "What you have done there is not in line with who you are. It's not in line with having respect for others and just seeing who you are and who they are." And obviously we would have different ways of discipline but at the end of the day it is all about teaching your child that **a life is defined in what God thinks about him**. Life is not even defined even by what I think about him although it will have a big influence on his life.

So bring your child up in the admonition of the Lord. Teach him the message of who he is in Christ. If he doesn't bear fruit in his life, this is what I say to my children, I say to them, "Listen, if you don't bear this fruit in your life, this is what you say. You say, 'God, I'm not seeing this fruit in my life. I am highly irritated with my brother or I get irritated with my parents sometime.'" And in a time when he is calm and when there is peace, just say, "As I sometimes struggle to have fruit in my life and I don't find my identity by if I bear a lot of fruit or not but in the Word about my life. In the very same way with you. And just make your life available and let us pray together. And say, 'Father, my life is available for You to bear Your fruit in my life.'"

That is what I believe to be a very practical good way to bring up your child and just teach him that way. And then as a parent, I also want to say to you, that the best parent that there could ever be is God the Father and He had Adam and Eve. Even in the presence of the perfect Father we still found that Adam and Eve wasn't a success. So we cannot as parents have our identity in how good we raise our children. Let's bring them up in the gospel of Grace. Let's share with them. Like with my child I don't force a message down his throat. But I will just say to him, "You know, son, Dad just wants to share something with you today." In our house we don't even read the Bible with the kids every day but what we do is we talk about the Gospel even in practical application of things. We will say, "You know, this person's value is great and when we see someone in the street and we drive past him and we see him in trouble, we will just pray in the car and say, "Father, thank You, that person is valuable. Thank You, Lord, that You love him as much as You love a person who has given his life for the spreading of the Gospel. Thank You that he is Your destination." And then just pray for the person on the go and your kids will hear that and be impacted by that.

For instance, if I had a discussion over the phone with somebody and disagreed with him concerning the Gospel, my kids grow up in a pastor's house and in a pastor's house you can have church politics you know, where people disagree and whatever. If there was a disagreement, maybe he heard it while I was on the phone and he might think that church is just about arguing or about this or that. A lot of you have come out of churches where there was church politics... Where there were things where they heard that the pastor had done this and they said this and you told it to your wife and now they heard that and they can have a negative feel towards church. What I practically do, because it is very difficult to keep everything away from your children. Obviously you want to keep as much away from them as possible but when they do hear that ... like in the week I spoke to someone on the phone for an hour and there was disagreement and I put the phone down and I knew my son could hear it because the call was to my house phone. I went to him and said, "My son, I just want to tell you please don't see this as Christianity. This is not Christianity. **This is just the fruit of legalism and law and that is where the disagreement comes in because the fruit that comes from above is always peaceable and full of life!** So the peace that you feel that there is inside you that is directly from God and that is what we are aiming at and we are not finding our identity in what just happened here." And just bring that, constantly, to your child.

I would like to now turn to the children. How do you as a young person react towards your parents? The Bible clearly says and we have read that it says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord." If you have parents who are not Christians, how are you going to deal with that situation? I would say that good advice is obviously you are living in your parents' house, they are giving you food, they pay for your school and they are trying to raise you as best as what they can. I would say, "Obey your parents in what they say like just in normal obedience. Obviously now they are not going to bring you up now in the admonition of the Lord but you are still in their house and yet it is a place, if you are a Christian, as a young person where you can live the life that God has given you. What you can do is you can practically say, "**Lord, my life is available for Your fruit towards my parents and I thank You, Lord, that I can make my body and my mind and my mouth available as an instrument through which You can reach my parents**" And maybe you are in your teenage years or you are just going to the university and you feel that there might be things in your life where you feel, "I am my own person and my

parents aren't doing right and they aren't treating me the way they are supposed to treat me." Maybe you shout at your parents or you do something you are not supposed to do and afterwards you are trying to justify yourself, feeling guilty about it. Let me tell you this: Get rid of that guilt as quickly as possible and just say, "Lord, thank You, that I am not defined by how I treat my parents but I am defined by You. Yet, my life is available for the fruit of Your Spirit and by my own power I can never produce what is actually in my heart and the love that is in my heart towards my parents."

Inside each one of you... and I want to speak to young people... **Inside each one of you is a passion for your parents and a natural love for your parents that you cannot veer away from. You want the approval of your parents!** It's something that you can say, "I don't care what they say!". You are just wasting your time by saying that. Free yourself, you want the approval of your parents! Even me, where I am today, a man of forty-two years of age, I still want my father! Today I have my own children and yet we still want our parents to say, "Well done!" We want our parents to say those things. There is a natural love for your parents. Allow that to take over your life. Allow that natural thing towards your parents. Don't resist that. Say, "Lord, I can feel that You have designed me to have a natural inclination of love towards my parents. A natural inclination to hear their approval, to hear their advice, to know what they actually think, and all those kind of things. Do you know that why what your parents say and think is so much more powerful than what other people think and why you sometimes become more upset about what your parents would say than what others would say? It's because of the love you have in your heart for your parents. There's a natural love for them and since God has put that natural love in you, all you need to do is say, "Father, thank You that this natural love, and my parents, if they are not believers, are not in line with this, I know that I will be hurt forever if I want to change their behavior. But what I am going to do is I am just going to allow this love to flow and I make this love, my heart and my actions and my mouth, available as an instrument for You." And don't try to use will power. Go into your inner room, as a young person, close the door, pray to God and say, "God, thank You for working in me and loving through me. You give birth to how You feel about them." That's what you need to do and you will find that God brings that forth in you.

Now in the case of having parents that are believers... since like you've heard now, parents try to bring you up in the admonition of the Lord, the Bible says, "***Submit yourself to your parents in the Lord.***" What that means is submit to your parents who are believers and it also means in the context here, those who brought you to the message of Grace and want to continue to teach you in the message of Grace, listen to them and obey them. Now, that obedience there is not an obedience where you become someone's slave. As children, we are not the slaves of our parents and yet we see and when we obey them, we obey them from the revelation that they are hearing the Lord, they have wisdom that you might not have, they have life experience that you might not have and that they have a natural inclination from God to love you, to care for you, and to bring forth the best in you by words of admiration, by words of beauty, like how the husband speaks to his wife, and that's how he speaks to the child, and from there just bring forth that life to you.

**So, the way we have life as people from God is very simple. We hear what God says about us and we obey it. The word, obey, there means to believe.** So as you see your Christian

parents come and tell you, "You are the righteousness of God!" As you hear your Christian parents tell you that, "God smiles over your life!" And to hear your Christian parents tell you, "You are not what you do." Maybe you struggle in a certain area of your life when they tell you, "Your identity is not in what shoes you wear, what clothes you wear, what the other kids think about you. Your identity is revealed in the resurrected Jesus Who is your life!" **Obey them by believing them.** Believe what they say and if you struggle to believe what they say, thank God we have the Holy Spirit! What you then do is you go and you say, "Father, I hear my parents say these things. I struggle to believe what they say but thank You for helping me. Help my unbelief for I want to believe what they say. I want to have a heart fully persuaded of what they say. Show me, Lord, confirm to me from Your Scripture, from Your messages, how beautiful I am, how lovely I am, how accepted I am, how my identity is not in what I possess or any of those kind of things, what clothes I wear if they are brand names or not. My identity is in YOU! Thank You, Lord, that I can believe that and be fully persuaded about that.

So, as children, give ear to the Grace message your parents bring you for they love you and they are living the natural inclination that there is in their hearts towards you.

I want to say this in conclusion concerning the parents and I will quickly talk about business and how we deal in business situations. Everything I said about a parent here is already written inside you. It is not a law that you need to try to obey. It is something that comes naturally when we allow the message of Grace into our lives where we can say, "As He is so am I! What I see in Him, is how I live." Everything that Paul used in Ephesians chapter 6, Ephesians chapter 5 where he talked about marriage where he says, "Husbands, give your life to your wife. Make yourself one with her. Speak well of her." He takes that from how Christ treats the Church! When he comes and talks about parents and children, he talks about how Christ deals with us and how we believe the good report that He speaks about us. Everything is Trinity dynamics which comes from the very design of God: How He functions, who He really is. All of this is already true in the Trinity and God is not trying to bring forth something that is outside of who you are. He wants to bring you to a revelation of who you really are as a parent, who you really are as a child and He's not asking you to walk outside of what is natural to you. Every one of us is a child, in our relation with God, in the category of child or the son. What makes you a son? Someone who is born from the beautiful report that comes from the mouth of the Father. In the very same way, as children, **as your parents come as in the admonition of the Lord, and tells you, "You are the best! You are beautiful! God smiles over your life!" Believe that word and that is how you are an obedient child to the parent! Isn't that wonderful!!!!** That is knowing the decisions they make for you is for your best and that God works in their heart to bring you up in that admonition of the Lord and that God will help them to make decisions about your life that you may not be able to make at this point of time.

God would tell me, "Bertie, you know I love you and I'm not going to punish you or anything like that." And then I read a verse in the Bible that sounds like God is going to punish me, and that God is against me, and all those kinds of things. Then I would say, "Well, Lord, you know, I don't understand that and You just tell me, "Don't go there. Don't believe that kind of a thing about yourself!" And if You say it then it is like that. There will come a time when I mature when I will understand that verse and from there I will walk from that understanding is in line for what You have for me. Know that inside the Trinity there is something like the Father loves the

Son. The Son believes what the Father says about Him. We saw that on the earth... Jesus, the Son of God. The Father said, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."

Parents, when your child goes to bed, or if he is in the university or wherever, send him a text message, give him a call, just before he goes to bed, or whatever, say, "I love you! It doesn't matter what you have done today, I smile over you! You are my everything. My life is in service of you, anything I can do for you I want to do it for you. I'm praying for you! You are valuable! God loves you!" Just say those things to them even if they never reply. Just say that to them. Just be yourself for that is natural to you. Don't say that with the expectation of, "Well now they must obey everything I say." Just say that because that is what is already in your heart. I know it is in the heart of the parent! Every parent has that in their heart. In the very same way with your child. When your parents send you that, acknowledge your love for them. Say, "Thank you, Mom. Thank you, Dad. Thank you for bringing me up in the way of the Lord and I can know how loved I am and how valuable I am.

Let's go back to Ephesians 6:

***:9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.***

He talks to the masters and says, "... forbearing threatening" This is a tricky dynamic that he uses here. What he says there is, and we are going to go on because the verse just before that talks to the servants. He says, "Obey your masters, not with eye service but from the heart as you obey the Lord." Now let's look at how that is a Trinity dynamic and how it comes to the every day workplace. The concept here obviously writes to masters that says, "You have a Lord..." talking about the believers that know the Lord and how we need to treat our people. He says, "Remember this. With the Lord there is no respecter of the person. So immediately bringing people back, bringing the masters back to identity in Christ. You are not special to God because you are a business owner and you are not a nothing because you are a worker because with God there is no respecter of a person. So He doesn't treat you special because you're a business owner. God doesn't find who you are in the fact that you have a successful business and that He has blessed you with a successful business. He is never going to confuse you with what He has given you. He is never going to confuse you with the gifts and talents that He has given you. **He is always going to value you with the highest value which is Christ!** And that is the same for the worker. So whenever you have somebody who works for you, I have three people who work for me. There's Janet who works for me as a secretary and then I have the lady who works in our house as a paid staff and the guy who works in my garden. Then we have the web pastors and the other people who help in the ministry. When I look at those people, as a master or as a pastor, or the boss, if you want to call it that way... when I look at them, every time I look at them, this is the platform from where I approach them. This person is a being that God desires with everything inside Him. This person is God's destination. The heavens cannot contain God. The earth is God's footstool but God feels satisfied living in this person so there is value in that person that is equal to the value of the resurrected Christ. That is how I look at them. Even my gardener, even if he makes a mess at what he does, breaks something or whatever, then I would get upset with the thing that is broken but I can still feel in my subconscious mind, on account of this message of Grace that has been washing my heart and my mind, then I cannot deal with this person in a degrading way for I always keep that belief and that value in my heart. Do you know what happens when you live that way and when you experience God living to you that way? Let me say this: it all starts with God! If you want to see yourself as a servant of God, you know,



how does He treat His servants? He gave His life for His servants! He washed the feet of His servants. He believed in His servants. He believed in you! He trusts you! He sees you as valuable! He's not going to allow you to just mess everything up and say He is okay with that. He is not going to confuse you with what you have done and because He believes in your value. And as we see God believe in us we find that gives us a motivation to do good from that belief that He has towards us and cares for us we find it energizes us and gives us hope to stand when we have failed or when we had a rough week or whatever, we find the life of God giving life to us because He believes and trusts in us. And the very same way with you. I want to tell you that as you hear God believe in you and as you look at those who work for you, you believe in them, you will find that there is a Trinity dynamic life taking place there.

One thing it says there is, "Masters, forbear threatening." You know why? It says because God doesn't threaten you. God is not a God that threatens you. So as a business owner, get the revelation that God doesn't use, doesn't threaten you with hell, He doesn't threaten you with sickness, He doesn't threaten you with disease, He doesn't threaten you with He will just desert you, that He won't be there for you or He is going to pour out His anger on you. He doesn't threaten you. As long as you have a belief and as long as any person has a belief that God would threaten him, God is going to try and bring fear as a motivator... if we want to use that in our workplace instead of value, do you know what we are going to have? We are going to have hell in our workplace. We are going to struggle in our workplace because what we believe about God is what we are going to actually apply to people. I don't want Janet to work for me all the time thinking, "If I do this wrong, Bertie is going to fire me", because God doesn't live that way to us. And do you know what? I remember when I started out doing business years ago when I just got into ministry, I would do a lot of business, I made sure that people understood, even when I was in the Grace message, I did not understand everything, I would separate these things and I would threaten people who worked for me. "Man, if you don't come on time, I'm firing you." Even if a person doesn't come on time and there's a certain way in which you can deal with him. You can let him go but you don't have to make his life hell all the time he works for you by threatening him all the time. Everybody knows that if you don't do your work right then eventually they are going to get someone else to do the job. I don't think it's good to threaten people all the time for God doesn't threaten us. Let the message of how God doesn't threaten you, of how God doesn't want to use fear to motivate you Let that be so powerful towards you that you find that practical life of God not threatening me will be in the workplace as well.

And if you are a worker, if you work at a shopping place somewhere, this is what the Christian boss actually should do and if you don't have a Christian boss, which most of us don't have, what you have to do is not to have eye service, not serving him with eye service. Let me explain that quickly and we will have to end up with this. Say, "Lord, I want to believe what this guy believes about this business." If I would work in a supermarket, I would think maybe my boss is just worried about money but this is a practical that is going to help me. I just don't want to just have eye service but I want to serve from the heart. So I would say, "Lord, what does this shop provide for the people in this town? It provides a service where they can buy groceries and where they can have food, for instance, and give it to their children where they can live. I just want to come and I just want to believe in what I do. When I do this I do what I do from my heart from a persuasion from the value of this." Then you will find that your boss and what he says will actually have very little to do with what's going on in your heart and you will find a passion in

your heart because this is not just getting money. It's not just about getting money. It's not just about pleasing the boss. The lowest form of work is to try and please your boss. You can never do that. He will never be pleased especially if he is a worldly guy. He will never be happy. Nothing will satisfy him. No amount of money will satisfy him. You can never put a smile on his face by your hard work. All you need to do is say, "Lord, I want to do this from a belief in my heart. Give me and show me, reveal to my heart what I can believe about this job and the people we serve in this business and the end goal of this business."

If you're working at a place that manufactures gasoline for instance, thank God that I can work here. I play a role in somebody having an ambulance diesel so he can drive somewhere and you can have from a belief, you can do that service. Always try to get away from trying to please somebody by your works but have a belief in your heart concerning what you do. Have it all around a belief.

The last verse says, "*Above all put on the whole armour of God wherein we can stand against the wiles of the devil* " or the plans of the devil against walking against the devil which I will have to get into next Sunday because there just isn't enough time today.

So today's message probably wasn't flooded with new revelation of Who God is and just something that happened upon the cross. It is just something very practical that you can take home between you and your children and in the workplace and how you treat people where you can say, "I am not just going to try to please the people that work for me. I'm not going to try to please my children but where I take what is alive in the Trinity and the principle that is alive there as the Apostle Paul came and we use that, and apply that to our everyday life. Glory to God!

Let me just pray for everyone of you. I especially want to pray for parent relationship, relations, here and I just trust that you will be deeply touched by this prayer. Even after this, if you want to contact one of our web pastors, if you want prayer for your business, maybe you are going through a hard time, go to our web pastors and see who is available now on Facebook and just contact them and let them pray for you. Especially concerning business, concerning family relationships, if you need prayer, contact them. If you need advice they would just love to agree with you in prayer. Amen.. let's pray:

**Father thank You so much that I can just stretch forth my hands to this web family and every person watching. Thank You, Lord, that there is a warm embrace from You towards them. Thank You, Father, that relationships between children and parents are restored today. I thank You, Lord, that the message of Grace, the Spirit of God is the Spirit from where we can actually live everyday life where every person can have life from. I just declare that relationship between parents and children is being restored. I just feel in my heart that there is a husband and wife sitting and watching together --- there is just restoration coming! They are close to tears and they just feel loved by God and you feel that you have messed up and you just want to start afresh. I want to tell you: Don't start afresh. Just take the life of God as your life and continue with the life He has given you. If you hurt each other just grab a hold of the life God has for you. You are beautiful! You are wonderful!**

**I just see relationships with young people and their parents being restored. If you are a young person and you feel in your heart you need to go and just say to your Mom and Dad: "Mom and Dad, my heart is open for the grace of God and I am just going to embrace His grace." And if there is something you need to apologize to them, just do it. And the same with the parents to the children. Let there be restoration today on account of the finished work of Jesus Christ. Our lives as families are valuable for the highest quality of life and that's what He gives us! In Jesus' mighty name! Amen and amen!**