About Children

Paul wrote these words: 1 Children, in the Lord, obey your parents, because this is right. 2 The first command with a promise is this:

“You must show respect for your father and mother. 3 Then you will be fine. You will live a long time on the earth.” (Exodus 20:12)

4 Fathers, don’t push your children to the point of rage. Instead, take care of them, using the Lord’s warning and discipline.

About Servants

5 Slaves, obey your human masters with fear and trembling — but sincerely, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Don’t be a servant only while your master is looking, like slaves who only want to be people-pleasers. Instead, from your soul, do what God wants — as slaves of Christ. 7 Serve cheerfully, as if it were for the Lord Jesus and not for people. 8 Each one of you knows that, if a slave or a freed-man does something good, the Lord Jesus will give him a reward for doing that.

9 Masters, treat your slaves the same way. Don’t try to scare them. You know that the Lord Jesus is in heaven. He is their Lord and your Lord. God treats everyone the same.