**Home Roles II - Eph. 6:1-9** 3-12-25

**Introduction**:

 1. Home Roles - Wives and Husbands

 -Children and Parents

 -Slaves and Masters

 2. The springboard of it all is verse 21

 3. All under the watchful eye of God Almighty

**I. Children Obey (verse 6)**

 1. Addresses the relationship between parents and children

 \*note, “in the Lord” - means because of your love for the Lord

 2. Time frame - children - young, how young?

 3. Note “parents” - not just fathers

**II. Broader then Obedience (verses 2-3)**

 1. “Honor” broadens the word “obey” - and speaks to a different time frame/ when grown

 -“obey” and “honor” are two different words in Greek - two different ideas

 2. \*Note both father and mother are honored

 -even as adults we are required to honor parents

 3. Extended life

 ?Individuals live long life literally

 ?A culture/ will last long if it has discipline

 A strong family unit

 4. There is a “promise”

 “Go well” and “long life”

 Together “obey” and “honor” - respectful

 Honor them and God will honor you

 5. “Honor” - need to define

**III. Fathers/ Parents (verse 4)**

 1. Why “fathers” and not both parents?

 A. They are home leaders

 B. In the Greco-Judaistic world the fathers were to discipline children

 C. Though leaders have authority, they must be careful to use it wisely

 2. Implies the kids have rights too

 A. Boundaries are set on the parental exercise of authority

 B. So, these instructions are sensitive (also) to the children’s needs - a rare thing

 in this age

 3. Don’t exasperate - literally means “to make angry”

 -the idea is to make bitter

 4. Instead of “exasperate” ...bring them up

 A. Nurture - nurture originally meant bodily nourishment

 B. Admonition - instruction

 \*of the Lord

 !!). absentee fathers

**IV. Servants (verse 5)**

 1. Also in the “household”

 -“slaves” in NIV

 2. First addresses servants

 Next addresses masters (9)

 3. Obey

 -in singleness

 -like they obey Christ

 4. A key principle for verses 6-8 - as unto the Lord 6,7,8

**VI. The Way We Serve (verses 6-7)**

 1. Not eye service - when you’re being watched

 -which means you can be trusted

 2. “Serving” at work - we are not servants, but we certainly are employees

 3. The Lord is your master (verse 8)

 -A needed reminder to the servants

 -He sees your “place” and rewards you according to how you serve in your place

 4. Working:

 -eye service?

 -compulsion?

 -wholeheartedly?

**VIII. Masters (9)**

 1. “Do the same thing” (as the servants in verses 5-8)

 2. You, too, have a boss

 3. No respect of persons

 4. \*God watches how we treat our employees