

Ephesians: Identity and Inheritance
Submitting to Christ in the Concentric Circles of Our Lives
Our Families and Our Workplace
Ephesians 6:1-9

1. Glorifying Christ in the Sphere of Our Family.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (ESV)

- 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise),
- 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”
- 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Children should obey their parents because...

a. They (the children) are Christians. Vs. 1

Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)

21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

b. It is right. Vs. 1

c. It is commanded. Vss. 2-3

d. It brings blessings. Vss. 2-3

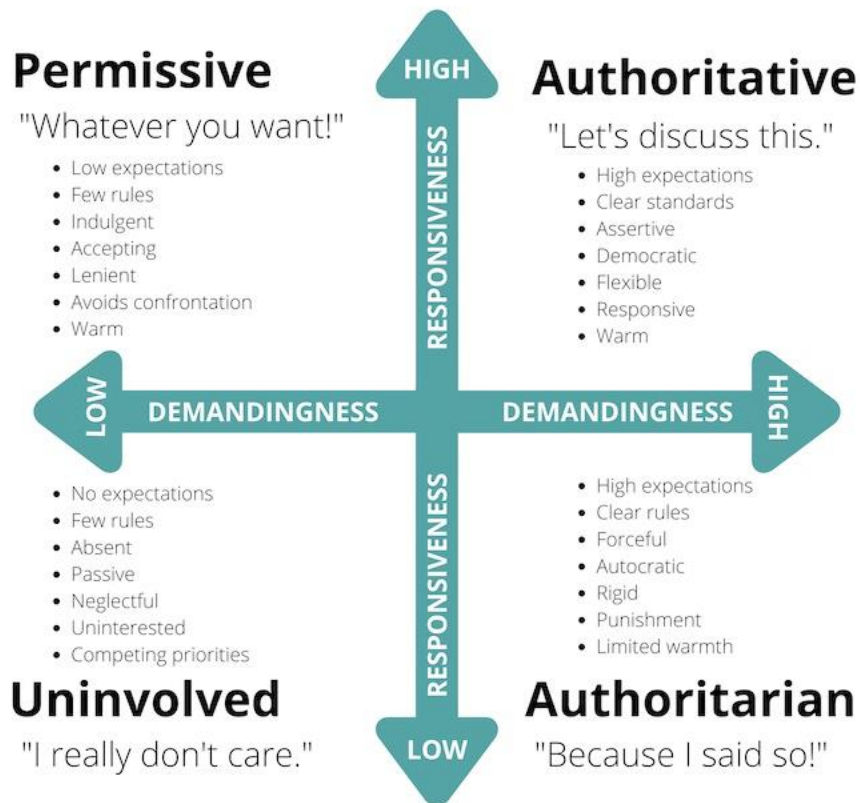
Parents must...

a. not provoke their children. Vs. 4

b. nurture their children. Vs.4

c. discipline their children. Vs. 4

d. instruct and encourage their children. Vs. 4



2. Glorifyng Christ in the Sphere of Our Workplace.

Ephesians 6:5-9 (ESV)

5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ,

6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

7 rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man,

8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

9 Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.

Employees should respect and obey their employers because...

a. In so doing they are obeying Christ. Vs. 5

b. this is the will of God. Vs. 6-7

c. they will be rewarded by the Lord for doing so. Vs. 8

- Share the story of the homecoming of the U.S. President on the same ship as a retiring missionary couple.

Employers should Glorify Christ in their interaction with their employees by....

a. by seeking their welfare. Vs. 9

b. by not threatening them. Vs. 9

c. by always submitting to their Master in heaven. Vs. 9

d. by refusing to play favorites among his employees. Vs. 9