

Ephesians 6:5-8

Spirit-Filled Obedient Slaves

1. The Bible and Slavery:

a. Slavery under the Law of Moses:

- i. Slavery was a _____ relationship, with many _____ given to slaves. –*Ex 21:1-6, 20; Lev 25:1-46; Deut 23:15*
- ii. _____ was a capital crime. –*Ex 21:16, 20; Deut 24:7*
- iii. Slavery was not _____ but usually resulted from _____. –*Lev 25:39; Deut 15:7-18; Josh 9:1-27*
- iv. A _____ Israelite could own, or be, a slave. –*Ex 21:6-7*

b. Slavery in New Testament Times:

- i. Far less _____ for slaves. –*Lk 12:42-48; 1 Pet 2:18-21*
- ii. Was not _____ based: All manner of people could be, or could have been, slaves. –*Acts 8:27; Lk 7:2-8; 1 Cor 7:20-23*
- iii. More _____, but not inherently _____. –*Matt 20:25; Eph 6:9*
- iv. A _____ Christian could own, or be, a slave. –*Phil 1:4-7*

2. The Command of Obedience: (5)

a. _____: they are directly addressed in the congregation:

- i. Social _____ is irrelevant in Christ's church. –*Gal 3:28*
- ii. The household code is _____. –*Matt 22:30*

b. _____: obey your masters according to the _____:

- i. With fear and trembling. –*Eph 5:33; Phil 2:12*
- ii. With a sincere heart. –*Col 3:22*

c. _____: as to Christ:

- i. Your obedience to them is your obedience to Him. –*Col 3:22-25*
- ii. We are all _____ of Christ. –*Lk 17:7-10; Rom 6:16-22; 1 Cor 7:22-23*

3. The Manner of Obedience: (6-7)

4. The Rationale of Obedience: (8)

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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.