

- What kind of service is required of the believer?
 2 Tim. 2. 3.
 What are our spiritual enemies?
 What alone will help us to victory?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That the spirit of the home should be the spirit of Christ?
2. That the Christian life is a warfare?
3. That spiritual armor is essential to victory?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What did Paul do besides teaching while he was in Rome? **Wrote letters to the churches where he had preached the Gospel.**

To whom was one of these letters written? **The Church at Ephesus, where he had lived three years.**

In this letter what does he tell the children to do? **"Children, obey your parents in the Lord."**

Why? **"For this is right."**

What is the fifth commandment? **"Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."**

In what ways can you honor father and mother? **By loving them, listening when they speak, treating them kindly and respectfully, and helping them all you can.**

See what promise you have if you obey this commandment.

What are servants to do? **Obey their masters.**

When? **At all times.**

How? **Cheerfully and honestly, as if they were obeying Christ.**

What is promised them if they obey? **A reward, as surely as if they were not servants.**

What are masters to do? **Be kind to their servants. Remembering what? That they have a Master in heaven.**

How does the heavenly Master feel toward them both? **Just alike.**

Did Paul think it was an easy thing to be a Christian? **No; he knew he should be tempted to do wrong.**

How? **By Satan, by wicked people, and in many other ways.**

Is there any way we can overcome all these temptations to sin? **Yes; God's strength may be ours if we ask him for it.**

Words with Little People.

There are three things to remember about obedience: Do *exactly* what you are told, not something a little bit different. Do it *at once*, it grows harder every moment you put it off. Do it *as unto Jesus*, remembering he himself will help you if you ask him.

PRAYER.

Dear Jesus, "Make me ready, when thy voice is truly heard, With obedience glad and steady, still to follow every word."

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What is the first commandment with promise? **"Honor thy father and mother."**
2. Against what service are we cautioned? **Against eye-service.**
3. How should we do service? **"As to the Lord, and not to men."**
4. What is said concerning God? **He is no respecter of persons.**
5. What are we finally exhorted to be? **"Strong in the Lord."**

CATECHISM QUESTION.

6. *Who is our neighbour, whom we are commanded to love as we love ourselves?*

Our Lord has taught us by the parable of the good Samaritan that every man, of every nation, is our neighbor; and that if any be in distress we are bound to help and relieve them.

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

The Disciple in Various Relations.

I. THE CHRISTIAN CHILD.

1. *Obey your parents in the Lord.* v. 1.
"He [Jesus]....was subject unto them." Luke 2. 51
2. *Honor thy father and mother.* v. 2.
"Because ye have obeyed....before me forever." Jer. 35. 18, 19.

II. THE CHRISTIAN PARENT.

1. *Provoke not your children.* v. 4.
"Lest they be discouraged." Col. 3. 21.
2. *Bring them up in....the Lord.* v. 4.
"Train up a child....not depart." Prov. 22. 6.

III. THE CHRISTIAN IN SERVICE.

1. *Be obedient to....your masters.* v. 5.
"To the good....also to the froward." 1 Pet. 2. 18.
2. *As to the Lord, and not to men.* v. 7.
"Do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10. 31.

IV. THE CHRISTIAN MASTER.

1. *Thy same things unto them.* v. 9.
"That which is just and equal." Col. 4. 1.
2. *Your Master also is in heaven.* v. 9.
"He....being free, is Christ's servant." 1 Cor. 7. 22.

V. THE CHRISTIAN WARRIOR.

1. *Put on the whole armor.* v. 11.
"The armor of righteousness." 2 Cor. 6. 7.
2. *Stand against the wiles of the devil.* v. 11.
"Not ignorant of his devices." 2 Cor. 2. 11.
3. *We wrestle....against principalities.* v. 12.
"The prince of the power of the air." Eph. 2. 2.

THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Duties of a Christian.

1. The Christian child should be obedient and reverent toward his parents, recognizing in them the representatives of God. v. 1-3.
2. The Christian parent should be kind and gentle to his children, training them for the service of the Lord. v. 4.
3. The Christian in the service or employ of any man should be faithful to his trust, and devoted to his employer's interests, striving in them to work out the will of Christ. v. 5-8.
4. The Christian at the head of a household or a business should be just and gentle toward those under him, knowing that he, too, has a Master upon the throne, to whom he must render an account. v. 9.
5. The Christian in his conduct should keep in mind that he has an enemy to contend against, and he should be watchful against his wiles, strong in his loyalty to God, and armed for the conflict with sin. v. 10-13.

An English Teacher's Notes on the Lessons.

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A FRIEND of mine set out yesterday on a journey. She was in weak health, and half reluctant to leave home. But the morning rose fair and beautiful, the sun shone out cheerily, and the brightness around seemed quite a help and encouragement in starting off, and doubtless enlivened the hours of traveling. There are few, I suppose, who would