

Notes for Ephesians 6:1-4

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Ephesians 4:1 – *I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,*

Patria potestas (Latin for "power of the father") was a foundational concept in Roman law dictating that the male head of a household (*paterfamilias*) held absolute legal authority over his wife, children, descendants and slaves. While historically ruthless, this concept evolved into modern legal definitions of parental rights

“He who cannot be a good follower cannot be a good leader.” – Aristotle

1 Corinthians 1:28 – God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

17th century poet, John Donne, wrote, *No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main ...*

Colossians 3:20 – *Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

Luke 2:51 - *And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.*

In Jeremiah 35, God instructs the prophet Jeremiah to test the Rechabites—a nomadic clan—by offering them wine, which they refuse out of loyalty to their ancestor’s ancestral commands. God then uses this steadfast obedience to rebuke the people of Judah, who consistently ignore His divine laws

Exodus 20:12 – *Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

Deuteronomy 5:16 – *Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

John 19:26-27 – *When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” 27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.*

In the book of Ruth, Ruth’s devotion to Naomi, even though it’s a mother-in-law relationship, still gives a beautiful example of steadfast parental honor.

Proverbs 3:1-2 – *My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you*

Jeremiah 35:18-19 – *But to the house of the Rechabites Jeremiah said, “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed the command of Jonadab your father and kept all his precepts and done all that he commanded you, 19 therefore thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab shall never lack a man to stand before me”*

Colossians 3:21 – *Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.*

Ephesians 4:2 – *with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,*

Matthew 11:29 – *Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

In 1 Samuel 20, King Saul treats his son Jonathan with extreme cruelty and suspicion after Jonathan defends his loyal friend David. Enraged by the discovery that Jonathan is protecting David, Saul verbally abuses his son and violently hurls a spear at him. This bitter assault shatters Jonathan’s hope for reconciliation and confirms that Saul is determined to kill David.

1 Kings 1:6 – *His father had never at any time displeased him by asking, “Why have you done thus and so?”...*

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 – *And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

Genesis 18:19 – *For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.*

Luke 12:48 – *But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.*

