THE STRENGTH IN OBEDIENCE

(Ephesians 6:1-9)

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" …in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men…"

(Ephesians 6:5b-7, NKJV)

Personal Notes:

Sermon Outline:

I Interesting Thoughts
- A "Christ was one child who knew more than his parents – yet he obeyed them."
- B "The Christian who claims the promises of God should also obey the commands of God."
- C "The cost of obedience is nothing compared with the cost of disobedience."

II The strength of obedience in children
- A From the beginning God wanted children to obey their parents.
  - 1 God wanted the parents to teach the children the law (Deuteronomy 6:1-8).
- B Paul reminds them of the Ten Commandments and the promise contained within (Ephesians 6:2-3).
  - 1 The promise was that the children of God would live long in the land the Lord was giving them (Exodus 20:12).
- C Bonus: Paul encourages the fathers to bring their children up in discipline and the instruction of the Lord.
  - 1 See Deuteronomy 6:1-8.

III The strength of obedience in slaves and masters
- A These words bring strength to the church in our country due to the church's actions even without slaves and masters.
- B Slaves are to obey their master with:
  - 1 Fear and trembling (Ephesians 6:5),
  - 2 A sincere heart (Ephesians 6:5),
  - 3 The same obedience they give Christ (Ephesians 6:5),
  - 4 Real actions (Ephesians 6:6),
  - 5 As servants of Christ (Ephesians 6:5),
  - 6 Rendering service as with a good will (Ephesians 6:7).
- C The slaves reward will come to them (Ephesians 6:8)
- D Masters are to treat their slaves in the honor of their master (Ephesians 6:9).