

Going Deeper Questions  
**Weaving the Fabric of Love**  
Ephesians 6:1-9  
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1. Do you agree or disagree with the observation that Jeremy mentioned at the beginning of his message: *In life there always seems to be a hierarchy that plays itself out in our relationships: Someone assumes more of the “leader” role, while another will take on the “follower” role.*
  
2. As an adult child (if your parents are still alive), how do you live out what Ephesians 6:1-3 says?
  - a. Jeremy mentioned that even if our parents don’t deserve honor, we still need to give it to them. Is there ever a time when this is not true?
  
3. Ephesians 6:4 gives us instructions as parents. Why do you think Paul only wrote “Fathers” and left out mothers (for mothers are included in verse 2)?
  - a. Rate your upbringing: How well did your parents do with this verse in your life? What did they do right? Where could they have done better?
  - b. Rate yourself: How well are you doing (if you are a parent) at living out this verse? What do you do to live out this verse?
  
4. As an employee, Jeremy said we are called to love our boss in a God-honoring way. How’s that going? According to your outline and Ephesians 6:5, how do you do that?
  - a. Remember what Jeremy said about “with fear and trembling”? Read these verses to get a feel for what this means: Acts 16:29-30; Hebrews 12:21; as well as 1 Corinthians 2:1-3; 2 Corinthians 7:13-15; and Philippians 2:12. Do you have that kind of attitude with your boss? Why or why not?
  - b. Some have said that Ephesians 6:6-7 reveal what true integrity is. Do you agree with that view? Defend your stance.
  
5. Ephesians 6:8 speaks of reward for serving, for everyone. How can this verse help us, especially when we are having a bad day?
  
6. For those we are in authority over, what does Ephesians 6:9 tell us about our relationship with them?
  - a. Bosses do you really love the people you are in authority over, or are they just *living tools* to get a job done? How can you be sure that you are loving them?