



# **A New Man For Father's Day**

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**24** knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord—you serve the Lord Christ.

**25** For the wrongdoer will be paid back for whatever wrong he has done, and there is no favoritism.

**1** Masters, supply your slaves with what is right and fair, since you know that you too have a Master in heaven.

# **1. The New Man and His Wife**

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**In spite of its straightforward clarity, Paul's simple statement has been widely challenged in our day, even by those claiming to be evangelicals.**

# 1. The New Man and His Wife

Be subject to is from *hupotassō* (*submit*), and means “to subject oneself.” It has the concept of putting oneself under (*hupo*), not by compulsion, but willingly.

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**First, submission does not imply inferiority. Galatians 3:28 clearly affirms that spiritually there is no difference between male and female.**

**Second, submission is not absolute. Obedience in this passage is reserved for children and servants. There may be times when a wife must refuse to submit to her husband's desires (If they violate God's Word).**

**Third, the husband's authority is not to be exercised in an authoritative, overbearing manner.**

# 1. The New Man and His Wife

Husbands also must not be embittered against their wives. The imperative *pikrainesthe* (embittered) could be translated, “stop being bitter,” or “do not have the habit of being bitter.”

## **2. The New Man and His Children**

**20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing in the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so they won't become discouraged.**

**The present tense of the imperative *hupakouete* (be obedient) demands a continuous obedience.**

## **2. The New Man and His Children**

**20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing in the Lord. 21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so they won't become discouraged.**

**Exasperate is from *erethizō* and means to stir-up, provoke, irritate, or exasperate. Another way to phrase Paul's command is, "stop nagging your kids."**

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**In all things is a comprehensive phrase referring to both enjoyable and distasteful duties.**

**The obedience required of slaves is not external service, doing a duty with a reluctant attitude, as those who merely please men.**

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**Masters are to treat their slaves with the justice and fairness they expect to receive from their Master in heaven. God will judge masters who mistreat their slaves, as He will slaves who fail to serve their masters.**

# The New Man

**We are changed...**

**To be Godly**

**Husbands**

**Fathers**

**Workers**