

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

6. Walking in our new life in Christ or our old life, Christian children should behave differently: they should obey their parents; if they do, they will be blessed by it, 6:1-3. Christian parents, especially fathers, should behave differently: they should not provoke their children to anger but raise them with the Lord's advice on how to live a good life, 6:4. Christian slaves [employees] should behave differently: they should obey their human masters as they would Jesus; they should care deeply about their work and their master because Jesus is actually their Master and He will reward their service regardless of their status, 6:5-8. Christian masters [employers] should behave differently: instead of threatening their slaves, they should care deeply about them, knowing that Jesus is also their Master and He doesn't play favorites, 6:9. Christians should face life's struggles and difficulties differently: first, they should realize that their struggle is not against flesh and blood but Satan and his demons. Second, they need to allow the Lord to strengthen them with His strength and power by putting on His truth, righteousness, the Gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and constant communication with God through His Spirit. If they do, they won't need to attack Satan; his arrows will simply bounce off as they stand wearing their full armor, 6:10-18 (other places this appears: 1:4, 15; 2:1-3, 10; 3:14-21; 4:1-6, 13-14, 14-16, 17-19, 20-24, 25-32; 5:1, 2, 3-14, 15-33).
7. Helping the Body of Christ grow, Christian children respecting their parents will be a blessing to them, their parents, and the Church, 6:1-3. Christian parents, especially fathers, who don't do things to anger their children but instead raise them with the Lord's wisdom on how to live life well [will bless themselves, their children, and the Church], 6:4. Christian slaves [employees] who respect their human masters as they would their real Master, Jesus, and who care deeply about their work and master [will bless themselves, their master, and the Church], 6:5-7. Christian masters [employers] who give up threatening and instead care deeply about their slaves [employees] [will bless themselves, their slaves, and the Church], 6:9. Christians who regularly talk with God about the concerns of their fellow Christians [bless themselves and the Church], 6:18-20 (other places this appears: 1:15; 3:7-8, 13, 14; 4:1-6, 11-16, 17-24, 25-32).
8. Will of God, God's will is for slaves [employees] to care deeply about their work as if they were slaves of Christ, instead of working as a pretense, 6:6 (other places this appears: 1:1, 5, 9-11, 11; 5:17).
9. God, slaves [employees] caring deeply about their work, as if they were working for Christ, is God's will, 6:6. Christians must clothe themselves with God's full armor in order to stand against the schemes of the devil, 6:11. Christians need to take up God's full armor in order to withstand and stand in the evil day, 6:13. One piece of armor Christians should be clothed with is the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, 6:17. Paul wishes God's peace and love with faith upon the Ephesian brethren, 6:23 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-8, 9, 10, 11, 11-12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20-21, 22-23; 2:4-7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 19, 22; 3:2, 6-7, 9, 9-10, 11, 14, 19, 20-21; 4:6, 8; 5:1, 2, 5, 6, 20, 21).
10. Power / Might, Paul wants the Ephesians to let themselves be strengthened by their position in the Lord and by the power of His might, 6:10. Since their fight is not against flesh and blood but Satan and his demons, the Ephesians must clothe themselves with God's complete armor: truth, righteousness, the Gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and God's Word so that they can withstand and stand against Satan's schemes, 6:11-17 (other places this appears: 1:19, 21; 2:2; 3:7-8, 16, 20-21).

11. Satan / Principalities, the Ephesians must clothe themselves with God's full armor so they can stand against Satan's schemes, 6:11. The battle Christians are involved in is not against humans but Satan and his demons, 6:12. Above all, the Ephesians must put on faith which will enable them to quench all of Satan's fiery arrows, 6:16 (other places this appears: 1:21; 2:2; 3:10; 4:13-14, 17-19, 27).
12. Holy Spirit, the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God, 6:17. The Ephesians must always pray by means of the Spirit for their concerns and the concerns of others, 6:18 (other places this appears: 1:13, 17; 2:18, 22; 3:5, 16; 4:3, 4, 30; 5:9, 18).
13. Saints, the Ephesians must always pray for the concerns of their fellow Christians, 6:18 (other places this appears: 1:1, 15-16, 18; 2:19; 3:8, 18-19; 5:3).
14. Mystery, Paul asks the Ephesians to pray for him, that God would give him the words and boldness to speak the mystery of the Gospel, 6:19 (other places this appears: 1:9; 2:1-22; 3:3, 4, 5, 6, 9).
15. Gospel, Paul wants the Ephesians to pray for him, that God would give him the words and boldness to reveal the mystery of the Gospel, 6:19 (other places this appears: 1:1-23; 2:1-22; 3:6, 12-19; 4:1-32).
16. Peace, the Ephesians have put on their feet the readiness produced by the Goodnews which brings peace, 6:15. Paul sends peace to the brethren in Ephesus from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 6:23 (other places this appears: 1:2; 2:14, 15, 17-18; 4:3).
17. Love, Paul sends love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to the Ephesians, 6:23. Paul wants grace to be with all those who sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, 6:24 (other places this appears: 1:4, 15; 2:4-5; 3:17, 18-19; 4:2, 15, 16; 5:1, 2, 25, 28, 33).
18. Faith / Believe, the Ephesian believers must take up the shield of faith which will enable them to stop all of Satan's fiery arrows, 6:16. Paul sends love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to the brethren in Ephesus, 6:23 (other places this appears: 1:12, 13, 15, 19; 2:8; 3:12, 17).
19. God's grace, Paul wants God's grace to be with all those who sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, 6:24 (other places this appears: 1:2, 3-6, 6, 7; 2:4-6, 7, 8-9; 3:2, 6-7, 8).