

# Ephesians

## 6:5-9

God's Order In  
Business!



# What Is It About?

The believer's wealth is described to help believers live in accordance with it.



# Ephesians 1 (wealth)

- Riches (1)



- ◆ Riches described (1:1-14)

- ◆ Prayer for comprehension (1:15-23)

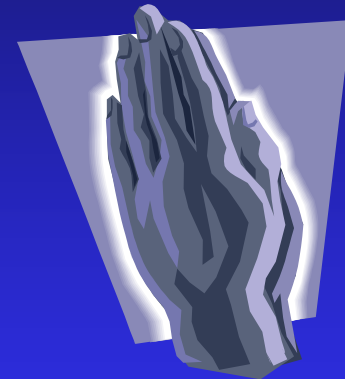
# Ephesians 2–3 (wealth)

- Position (2–3)

- ◆ Individual (2:1-10)

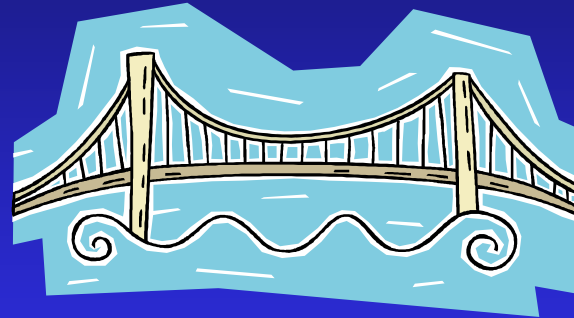
- ◆ Corporate (2:11–3:13)

- ◆ Prayer for comprehension (3:14-21)



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4-6

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ORTHOPRAXY

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# Position and Practice



- Positional unity
  - ◆ Eph 2:11–3:13
- Practical unity
  - ◆ Eph 4:1-16

# Position and Practice

- Positional holiness
  - ◆ Eph 1:4
  
- Practical holiness
  - ◆ Eph 4:17-32



# Ephesians 5:1-17

- Walk of love (1-6)
- Walk of light (7-14)
- Walk of wisdom (15-17)



# Ephesians 5:18-21

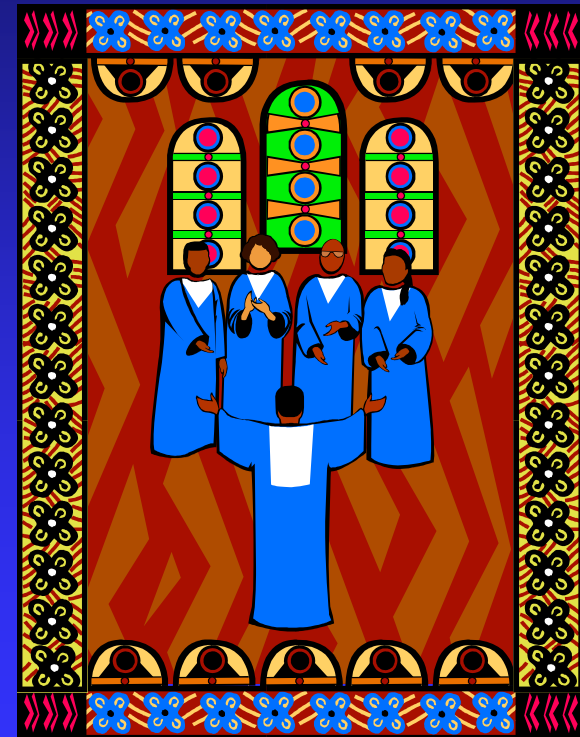
- Negative command (18a)
- Positive command (18b)
- Consequences (19-21)





# Consequences of Spirit Control (19-21)

- Public worship (19a)
- Private worship (19b)
- Thanksgiving (20)
- Submission (21)



# Submission (5:21-6:9)

- Submission (5:21)
- Marriage (5:22-33)
- Parent-child (6:1-4)
- Slave-master (6:5-9)



# Ephesians 5:22-33

- Wife's role (22-24)
- Husband's role (25-33)



# Children (6:1-3)

- Obedience (1)

- Honor (2-3)



# Parents (6:4)

- Transmission of spiritual truth
- Do not exasperate



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# Eph 6:5-9 Outline

- Slave-master (6:5-9)



- ◆ Slaves (4-8)

- ◆ Masters (9)



# Why Did the Apostles not Condemn Slavery?

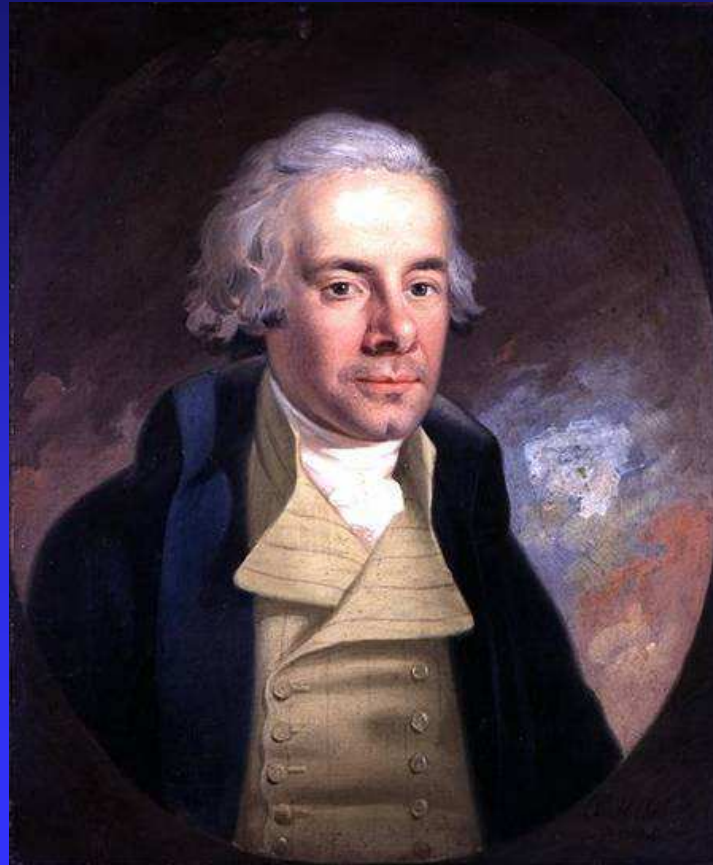
- Had the apostles condemned slavery, then Rome would have taken away their freedom to evangelize.
- The apostles' ministry involved the salvation of souls rather than social reform.

# Why Did the Apostles not Condemn Slavery?

- The apostles did speak out against masters mistreating their slaves (Col 4:1; 1 Pet 2:18-20).
- Paul supported emancipation whenever possible (1 Cor 7:21; Phlm 21).
- Perhaps the apostles knew that the gospel, with its emphasis upon human rights, would one day lead to the abolition of slavery.



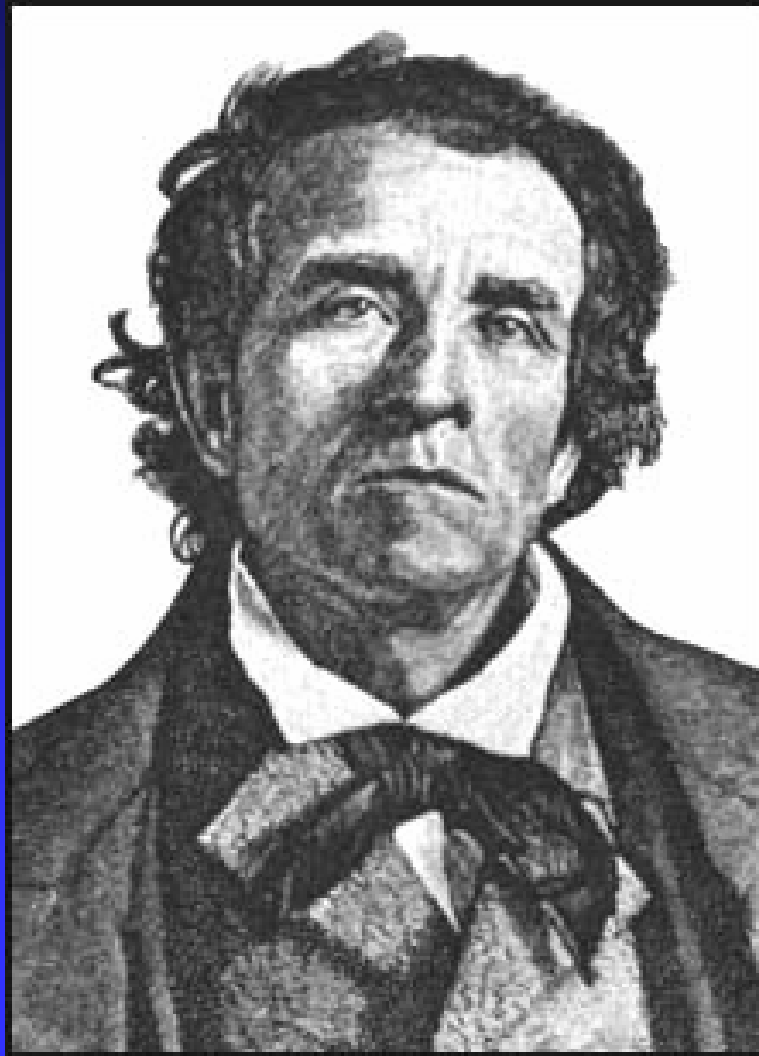
# William Wilberforce (1759-1853)



# Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)



# Theodore Weld (1803-1895)



# Slaves/employees (6:5-8)

- Obedience to earthly masters (5a)
- Seven characteristics of obedience (5b-7)
  - ◆ Reverence (5)
  - ◆ Sincerity (5)
  - ◆ As to Christ (5)



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- Obedience to earthly masters (5a)
- Seven characteristics of obedience (5b-7)
  - ◆ Consistency (6)
  - ◆ Proper motives (6)
  - ◆ Attitude of good will (7)
  - ◆ As to the Lord (7)



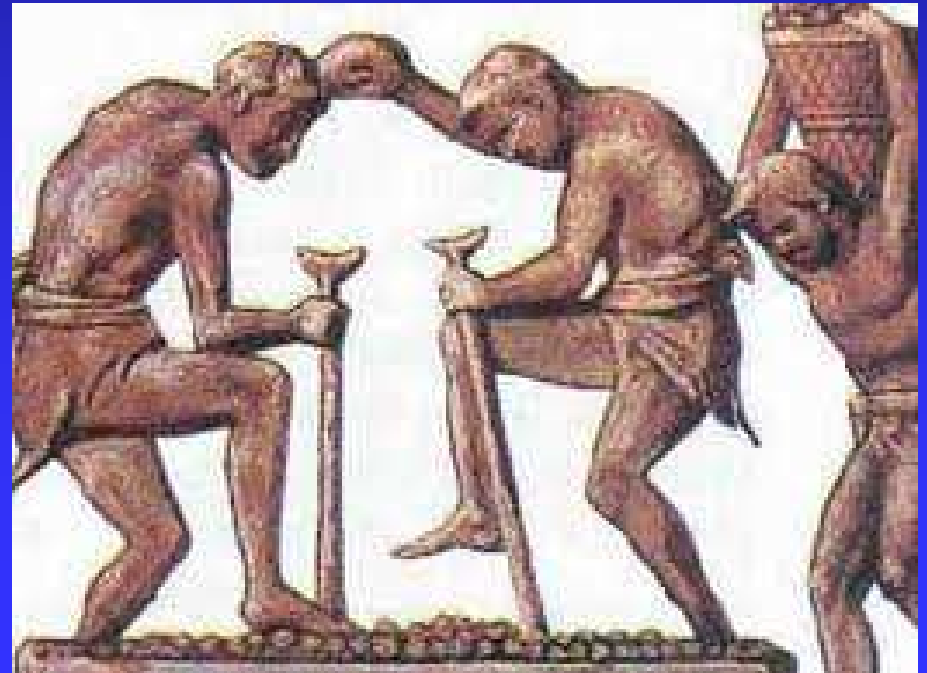
# God Rewards (6:8)

- God rewards faithful service
- God rewards unrecognized service
- Earthly rewards
- Heavenly rewards



# Masters/employers (6:9)

- Do the same things (5-7)
- Do not threaten
- Accountability



# God Cares About the Laborer

- Mosaic Law (Lev 25:53; Duet 25:4; 24:17)
- Condemnation of exploitation of the poor (Amos 4:1-2; Jas 5:1-6)
- God incarnate was a carpenter





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