Harmony

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger,
but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4

*as a plan for the fullness of time, to **unite** all things in him,*
things in heaven and things on earth.
Ephesians 1:10

I. Instructions for Children

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Ephesians 6:1

Why obedience is essential:

A. Because it is Christ-like.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord . . . Ephesians 6:1a

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.
Colossians 3:20

B. Because it is right.

". . . for this is right. Ephesians 6:b

C. Because it is a command.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. " Exodus 20:12

II. Instructions for Fathers

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
Colossians 3:21

A. Don't provoke exasperation.

Luke 15

- Rebellion
- Reaping
- Reevaluation
- Repentance

B. Do provide discipline and instruction.

"For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." Hebrews 12:6

Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him. Proverbs 13:24

and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:15

III. Instructions for Employees and Employers

Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, Ephesians 6:5

Servants and Masters motivation:

A. I am really serving Christ.

not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ . . . Ephesians 6:6a

B. Doing a good job is God's Will.

. . . doing the will of God from the heart, Ephesians 6:6b

C. I will be rewarded by Christ.

knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.
Ephesians 6:8

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