

A person is shown from the chest up, sitting and reading an open Bible. They are wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. The Bible is held open with both hands, and a red bookmark is visible. The background consists of dark wood paneling. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, white font.

TRANSFORMATION FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

COLOSSIANS 3.18-4.1

A top-down view of a circular wooden log cross-section, showing the natural grain and radial cracks of the wood. The log is surrounded by a ring of wooden planks, creating a circular frame. The word "PRAYER" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font across the center of the log's cross-section.

PRAYER

V18: Wives, Submit

“Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

Reference Verses: Ephesians 5:22-24,
1 Peter 3:1-2

V19: Husbands, Love

“Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.”

Reference Verses: Ephesians 5:25-28, 1 Peter 3:7

The background of the image is a close-up, high-resolution photograph of a wood grain. The wood is a dark, rich brown color, and the grain pattern is highly detailed, showing concentric, wavy lines that create a sense of depth and texture. The lighting is soft, highlighting the natural variations in the wood's color and grain.

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”

Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

V20: Children, Obey

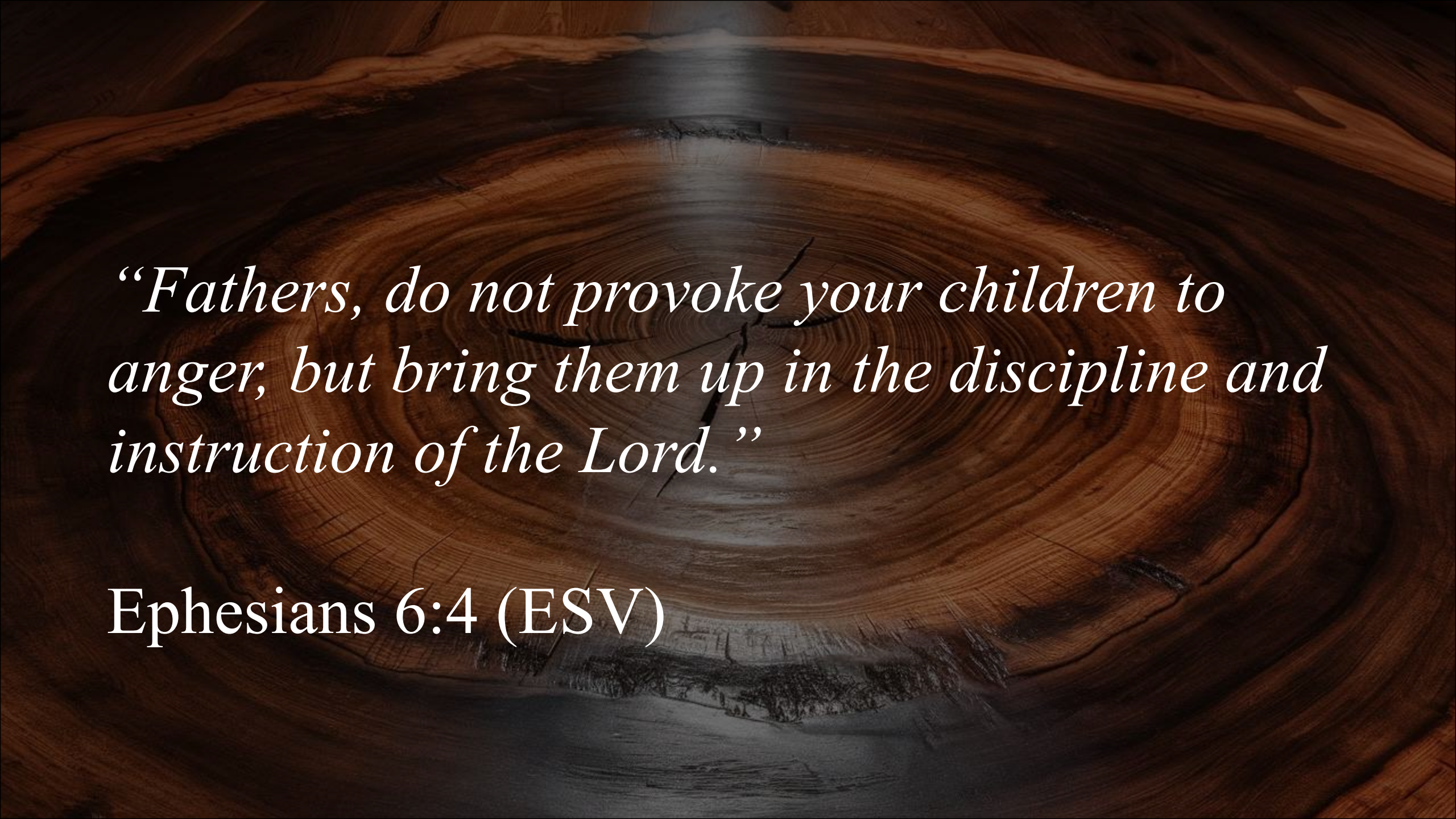
“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”

Reference Verses: Ephesians 6:1-3, Proverbs 1:8-9, Proverbs 6:20-22

V21: Fathers, do not provoke your children.

“Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.”

Reference Verses: Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 22:6



“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)

V22: Bondservants, Obey with sincerity of heart.

“Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.”

Reference Verses: Ephesians 6:5-8, 1 Timothy 6:1-2, Titus 2:9-10



*Does this mean that the Apostle Paul
condones slavery?*

The answer is NO.

V23: Work for God, not for man

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men”

Reference Verses: 1 Corinthians 10:31,
Ephesians 6:7-8

V24: The Lord will give an inheritance

“knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

**Reference Verses: Ephesians 1:11,
1 Peter 1:3-4**

V25: The wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong

“For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.”

Reference Verses: Romans 2:6-11, Galatians 6:7-8, 2 Thessalonians 1:6

**C4.V1: Masters, be just and fair to your
bondservants.**

*“Masters, treat your bondservants justly and
fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in
heaven.”*

Reference Verses: Ephesians 6:9, Luke 6:31,
Leviticus 25:43

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:38 (ESV)

"Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord."

Philemon 1:15-16 (ESV)

"Moses answered the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.'"

Exodus 14:13-14 (ESV)

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

Exodus 20:2 (ESV)



“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”

Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)



PRAYER

A circular cross-section of a wooden log is centered in the frame. The log's surface is smooth and light-colored, showing a prominent knot in the center. The log is surrounded by a wall of wooden planks that curve inward, creating a tunnel-like effect. The lighting is warm and even, highlighting the natural grain and texture of the wood.

BENEDICTION.