

Slavery

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The corruption of the practice of slavery was done in the US many years before slavery was abolished. The US government had previously made laws treating anyone as a criminal who helped a runaway slave and also refused to protect slaves who fled to other states seeking refuge. Those wicked laws caused a tremendous increase in the abuse of slaves. The Bible speaks against that type of law. [Deut. 23:15,16](#) “Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant (slave) which is escaped from his master unto thee: He shall dwell with thee, even among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.” **KJV** If this verse of the Bible had been made a law in the US instead, slavery would never have been abolished. Slaves could have fled to other states and obtained refuge.

Notice that many aspects of military service bear a very close resemblance to slavery. Freedom, liberty or democracy cannot be tolerated in any military. Can you imagine the chaos that would be produced if all the soldiers were doing whatever they wanted? Or, the chaos that would happen if all the soldiers took an equal vote on the military decision making and troop movements? (Modern marriage, which is usually run with this democratic manner, is another good example of this type of chaos. Most modern marriages end in divorce, because of this type of misunderstanding. See article listed below on: Marriage Misunderstandings Explained.) Democracy and liberty can only produce a weak military, which would leave everyone feeling insecure and helpless against any enemy. Even though many modern countries call themselves democracies, they always have to have a military which is **not** run in a democratic manner.

Proper military leadership must always be in the form of absolute authority. The soldiers must always be expected to obey the orders of the higher officers just like how slaves must always obey their masters. However, in order to have victory in any war, the officers must also use strategic planning. This was very well demonstrated in the ancient Chinese book called, “The Art of War”, written by Sun Tzu. Sun Tzu had to fight a very large army with only a very small army. And his strategy worked. Many years later the small Vietnamese army successfully defeated the giant US army using the strategy from this ancient Chinese book. (The US pulled out of Vietnam in 1973.)

An English translation of this Chinese book is free online at:
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A well treated slave will usually love his master as though his master was his own father. Oh, excuse me, true “fatherhood” doesn’t exist anymore in the US. (See article listed below on: Fatherhood.) For now, you’ll just have to use your imagination and fantasize a little about what a father is supposed to be. **Exo. 21:5,6** “And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.” KJV How about that! The Bible even makes a provision for volunteer slaves. Some people want the feeling of security that comes from having a loving fatherly master. Oh, sorry. Modern fatherhood has been corrupted. You have to use your imagination and think about how a truly loving father ought to be. (See article listed below on: Fatherhood.)

Love that is real is worth more than freedom. There are many people who would trade their freedom for true good fatherly love any day. A good example of this master/slave love is found in **Luke 7:2-10**, but unfortunately, most English translations translate the Greek word (δουλος) as “servant” instead of what it should be: “slave”. **Luke 7:2** “And a certain centurion's **servant** (slave), who was dear unto him, was sick,.....” This is an example of how old English has changed over the years since the 1611 KJV was first published. (See article listed below on: The Holy Scriptures.)

The main problem with using the example of “fatherhood” as an illustration of a good master is that in our modern society the whole concept of “fatherhood” has been completely corrupted. (See article listed below on: Fatherhood.) So, most people in modern times have never really seen a good father. In the Bible, the image of a father is supposed to symbolize and illustrate the concept of God, as the eternal “father” of all humanity. But, since “fatherhood” has been corrupted in modern times (in America), it must be understood that fathers need to be re-trained on how to be good fathers. (See article listed below on: The Virtues of the Spirit.) But, even now, most people can try to imagine an idealistic imaginary concept of what a good father should be like. Maybe, they might think that this is like fantasy, but most people can try to imagine a father who is **not** like their real father.

In modern times, despite the fact that in most free countries where slavery is illegal, there are even social web pages on **volunteer** master/slave relationships. But those tend to be excessive and abusive, which gives proper quality love and discipline a bad name. A better modern choice is the web pages on “domestic discipline” where married couples practice husbands disciplining their wives. It is much healthier and normal for husbands to keep their wives submissive. (See article listed below on: Domestic Discipline.) It is not natural for a woman to dominate a man..... and it is blas-

phemy against the Word of God. (Titus2:4,5) It is witchcraft and sorcery. [Rev 21:8](#) “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and **sorcerers**, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

This phenomenon, when some people actually want to be **volunteer** slaves, comes from the feeling of insecurity they naturally feel from the absence of having a true father. “Fatherhood” in most places in the world (especially in the US) has been so badly warped and twisted that it is practically non-existent. (See article on: Fatherhood.) (The phrase “see article” means to “see article”. It’s amazing how people have questions, and those questions have been answered in the designated article, and I tell them to “see article”, yet they don’t see the article which would answer their questions.) True “fatherhood” gives a person a feeling of love, security and purpose to life. Discipline, in most cases, is usually applied incorrectly. But, when it is applied correctly, it is accompanied with a feeling of genuine love, which in turn, produces a feeling of security. The feeling of “purpose” comes from the absence of selfishness and the presence of true direction (quality guidance, fatherhood) and value.

Discipline is a two sided coin. Discipline is not just punishment, which in the case of slavery is usually assumed to be nothing more than selfish manipulation, abusiveness and cruelty. Correct discipline must be accompanied with a proper example; a quality “role model”. The disciplinarian must set a good example. (See article on: The Virtues of the Spirit.) This two sided coin of discipline accompanied with a quality “role model” is what produces a feeling of true purpose in life. For example, a rebellious wife who refuses to obey her husband should not expect to get good results when she attempts to discipline her own rebellious children. In fact, it should be understood that her rebellion against the God ordained authority of her husband is actually teaching her children to be rebellious; they’re following her example.

Slavery can also be compared to a train which does not have the “liberty” to go wherever it wants. Trains are forced to stay only on railroad tracks. Any change of direction is always imposed on the train by somebody else changing one of those Y dividers which sends the train onto a different track. Should it be considered “abusiveness” to deny trains the “freedom” to go wherever they want? Is it not true that trains are very useful when they stay exclusively on their tracks? A train couldn’t even steer itself if it ever left the tracks. And, derailed trains usually fall down on their sides.

In orchestral music the director is often called “maestro”, which means “master” in Italian. Beautiful music has to be made with the absolute authority of the director over the musicians. Without this aspect of authority, each musician will just be doing their own thing, and the music will sound bad. Of course, in order to produce beautiful music the director also must be very talented. But, it must be understood that the

beautiful music can never be produced without the absolute authority of the “maestro”. The master must be in command.

In the Bible, a female slave who was also taken as a wife was called a “concubine”. [2Sam. 15:16](#) “And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house.” [1Chr. 1:32](#) “Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine:” [2Sam. 5:13](#) “And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem,....” (Also: [Deut. 21:10-13](#)[Son. 6:8,9](#)) Concubines were normally purchased with money. A concubine's master was her husband and was also like her father at the same time. That means that a concubine ought to receive twice as much love! She is a “love-slave”. As long as the husband/master maintains a loving manner towards his wife, a master/slave type of marriage would definitely be very romantic and have a higher degree of security, which means: a lower chance of divorce. This type of marriage is also the only way a woman could confidently propose marriage to the man she wants without coming across being too dominant, overbearing, presumptuous or forward. Oh, excuse me, dominant women are the norm in modern times. People are used to it, but that doesn't mean that it's normal. (See article listed below on: The Consequences of “Women's Liberation”.)

So then, what is the difference between a husbands' authority over his wife as compared to a masters authority over his concubine? The most important factor that separates a slave from a non-slave is that slaves usually act like children. Slaves are usually bad money managers and cannot support themselves; they handle their money like irresponsible children. Most slaves throughout history were not forced into it because of their race. For example, during the colonization of the US, many “indentured servants” from England who were white people in debt, would sell themselves as slaves to pay off their debts. However, this type of slavery was temporary. When the debt was paid off, the servitude was ended.

This is the primary reason mentioned in the Bible for permitting slavery. ([Lev 25:47](#)) Throughout history, most slaves were the same race as their masters. Likewise, adult slaves who act like children usually need regular discipline like children do. Therefore a husband who has a concubine for a wife, who acts like a child, would much more regularly need to discipline her the same way a father would discipline his own child.

In the Hebrew Old Testament, the words for “husband” (אִישׁ, בַּעַל) both mean “man”, “owner” and “lord” and “master”. [1Pet.3:5,6](#) “For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6- Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.” KJV Spiritually speaking, if we want to receive an eternal inheritance and authority in the kingdom of God we must **voluntarily** make the spiritual husband Jesus Christ “Lord” and “owner” and “master” of our lives. [1Cor.7:22](#) “For he that is called in

the Lord, *being* a servant (slave), is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's servant (slave)." KJV Some old Bible versions, like the KJV, translate the word "slave" (δουλος) as "servant". (The meaning of the words in English have changed over the years. The KJV was written in 1611.) Rom.1:1 "Paul, a servant (slave) of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God," KJV Here we see that the apostle Paul calls himself a "slave" of Jesus Christ.

The modern concept that slavery is automatically abusive and tyrannical is incorrect. Gal.4:1,2 "...the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant (slave), though he be lord of all; 2- But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father." The Bible treats slavery the same as a parent/child relationship. There have been some occasional cases of a parent abusing a child, but that doesn't mean that parents always abuse their children. Why would anyone assume that the parent/child relationship is automatically abusive? In reality, most parents like to spoil their children.

The primary cause of parent/child conflict is the prohibition of correct normal discipline applied with love, moderation and self-control. When correct discipline with love is absent, then the situation gets more and more out of control. Chaos and tension begin. Undisciplined children get out of control. Stress builds and builds until it's like a volcano ready to explode. If parents would only apply correct normal discipline with loving self-control and moderation at the beginning of their child's misbehavior, then excessive violence and anger would not happen. Prov 13:24 "He that spares his rod hates his son: but he that loves him chastens him betimes (early)." Prov 22:15 "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Prov 23:13,14 "Withhold not correction from the child: for if you beat him with the rod, he shall not die. You shall beat him with the rod, and shall deliver his soul from hell." Prov 29:15 "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself brings his mother to shame."

My goodness, all that's needed is to make laws against the abuse of slaves the same way that the US has made laws against the abuse of animals. The Bible has laws against abuse of slaves. Exo 21:26 "And if a man smite the eye of his servant (slave), or the eye of his maid (female slave), that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake." Exo 21:27 "And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maid servant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake." Exo 21:20 "And if a man smite his servant (slave), or his maid (female slave), with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished." Lev 25:53 "...and the other shall not rule with rigor over him in thy sight." Deut 15:12-14 "And if thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee. And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty: Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: of that wherewith the LORD thy God

hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.” [Col 4:1](#) “Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.” [Eph 6:9](#) “And, ye masters, do the same things unto them (treat your slaves with this same respect), forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.”

The old “kingdom” style of government resembles a master-slave condition very much. Yet, throughout history, most often the people themselves wanted that type of government. In [1Sam. 8:5](#) the nation of Israel requested a king when they had a “freedom” type of government. The prophet Samuel protested and told them that such a king would be abusive to them. ([1Sam. 8:9-18](#)) Nevertheless, they insisted because they felt more security in a kingdom than in the “freedom” type of government they had at that time. In a “freedom” type of government you weren’t always guaranteed of assistance from other parts of the country in the event of a military attack from enemies. It wasn’t until the abusiveness went to the extreme, just before the American revolution and independence from England, that the people started to prefer a “freedom” type of government, in the USA.

Some people say, “It was so horrible that those slaves were treated like animals.” Haven't you ever seen someone who owns animals? Their animals are called “pets”, and it is very rare that a “pet” is mistreated. In fact, some people treat their “pets” better than their own children.

There was a **true** story about an Atika dog and his master. The dog's name was Hachiko. (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hachik%C5%8D>) Hachiko followed his master up to the door of the train station where his master went to work every morning and waited there until his master returned in the evening. Later on, his master died, but Hachiko continued to wait for his master's return at the door of the train station every day for the rest of his life, almost ten years, until the dog himself finally died. This is the kind of story that makes some people want to cry, because the dog loved his master so much.

Another faithful dog was a Skye Terrier named “Greyfriars Bobby”, who became known in Edinburgh Scotland for spending 14 years guarding the grave of his master, (after he had watched them bury him there) John Gray (Old Jock), until the dog Greyfriars Bobby finally died. ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greyfriars Bobby](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greyfriars_Bobby))

A movie was made of both of these dogs.

The “abuse” of slavery is quite different than the subject of slavery itself. Why is it that the mere word “slavery” automatically makes some people think of “abuse”, as though the two words were synonymous? “Abuse” comes in many different forms: terrorism, war, robbery, gossip, ridicule, insults, backbiting, fighting, extortion, bullies picking on weaker people, fraud, murder, rape, tyranny, etc. You don't need slavery to experience abusiveness. Abusiveness comes from a corrupt mind and is caused by

an evil spirit. The recent worldwide rise of terrorism and war since Bush's 9-11 is primarily directed at people who are **not** slaves.

1John 4:16 “...God is love...”. A man who has experienced God's love will not abuse his pet, slave, child or wife. John 15:17 “These things I command you, that ye love one another.” KJV Gal. 5:22,23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23- Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” (See article listed below on: The Virtues of the Spirit.)

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