



FAITH BAPTIST TABERNACLE

Series: A Biblical Worldview, *Thinking and Living Biblically*
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Text: Ephesians 5:18-6:4

Sobering Stats:

- 24 million children in America (1 out of every 3) live in a home without a father.
- 40% of all babies born in America 10 years ago were born to unmarried mothers.
- As many children are being cared for by grandparents as are by single dads.
- As high as 70% of young adults leave the faith that they were brought up under.

Opposing Views on the Family:

- “Marriage is legalized servitude and family relations are the basis for all human oppression.” T. Grace Atkinson (National Organization of Women)
- “These trends will paralyze the family, destroy its integrity and cause its members to suffer such crippling emotional conflicts that they will become an intolerable burden to society. What about the future? First the quality of family life will continue to decline, producing a society with a higher incidence of mental illness than ever before. 95 percent of our hospital beds may be taken up by mentally ill patients. This illness will be characterized by a lack of self-control. We can expect the assassination of people in authority to be frequent occurrences. Crimes of violence will increase, even those within the family. The suicide rate will rise, as sexuality becomes more and more unlimited and separated from family and emotional commitment, the deadening effect will cause more bizarre experimentation and wide spread perversion.” Dr. Armand Nicolai II (Harvard Medical School)

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit & Submission:

- Ephesians 5:18: “be not drunk with wine... be filled with the Spirit”
 - “be being kept continuously filled by the Spirit.”
 - Parallel Passage: Colossians 3:16- “let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly”... Obedience to the Word is being filled with the Spirit.
 - A right kind of marriage relationship and a right kind of family relationship is built on a redeemed life and powered and energized by the Holy Spirit in obedience to the Word of God.
- The Result: Ephesians 5:19-20 when a person is filled with the Spirit... they are praiseful, worshipful, joyful, and thankful.

Ephesians 5:21: “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

- Submit: “to rank under”

The Concept of Submission:

- 1 Corinthians 16:15-16
- 1 Peter 2:13- Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme;
- 1 Peter 5:5
- James 4:7- Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- John 13- exemplified by Jesus Himself
- Philippians 2:3-8
 - The general mindset of our society is one of self-centered pride
 - More interested in self-fulfillment than giving
 - More desirous of material goods than relationships
 - More longing to be independent than dependent
 - More concerned about themselves than anyone else

The key to all relationships:

1. To be _____ filled/ _____ to the Word of God
2. To have a _____ of praise on our hearts and lips
3. To have thankful _____ for everything
4. To be _____ and humble

Questions:

- Am I committed to obedience to the Spirit of God?
- Am I committed to the controlling influences of the Word of God?
- Am I filled with joy and happiness?
- Am I thankful for everything in life?
- Am I going to submit myself to others?