

The Book of Ephesians Bible Study Lesson 22

Ephesians 6:5-9 Questions

The Spirit Filled Life Everyday

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this study time.

In every aspect of human life God's plan is one of authority and submission, and those two pillars are the bedrock of biblical labor relations. To avoid chaos and anarchy, someone must lead, and others must follow. (MacArthur)

As we conclude this section lets review how and why Christians are to live in this manner.

1. Look up the following Scriptures and write down briefly what they are saying to you. How do the other Scriptures below relate to Ephesians 5:13-14?

Ephesians 5:13-14 _____

Isaiah 60:1-3 _____

Luke 1:77-79 _____

Ephesians 2:1-7 _____

2. Reflecting on Ephesians 5:13-14 with Ephesians 5:15-18 what does Paul call Christians to?

3. From the Scriptures in question #1 and Ephesians 5:19-21, what is the outcome AND evidence of living daily under the power of the Spirit of Christ who lives in every Christian?

Christian life is a work of God's Spirit:

*The submission of a wife to her husband to respect (Eph. 5:22-24)

*A husband's love for wife, as Christ loved and died for the church (Eph. 5:25-33)

*The obedience of children and the nurturing by their parents (Eph. 6:1-4)

*The obedience of servants and the humility of masters (Eph. 6:5-9)

All are expansions of the principle in Ephesians 5:21, "submitting to each other in reverence to Christ."

4. How can we live by the Spirit daily in every aspect of life to accomplish God's plan and be His light and glory to a lost, corrupt and deteriorating world? Look at the Scriptures for help. Romans 6:1-6; 13:14; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Galatians 2:20; 5:24-25; Colossians 3:2-4; Ephesians 4:21-24; 6:17; Hebrews 13:5-6

5. Take a moment to pray asking our heavenly Father to reveal one thing you haven't surrendered to Christ, causing you to walk by the flesh rather than His Holy Spirit? It could be a fear, circumstance, attitude, discontentment? We know that our Lord Jesus is able to help us walk in His Spirit. Write down what the Spirit has shown you to 'put off' self. Then ask Him what the 'put on', walking in the Spirit, would be. What action plan would you do to replace the flesh with the fruits of the Spirit? Write down any Scriptures that help you.

6. Read Ephesians 6:5-9 looking for what motivates us to obey. Write these phrases down with the verse. What drives or energizes these motivations?

7. Re-read Ephesians 6:5-9 looking for any behavior according to the flesh, selfishness. What drives or energizes these motivations? Try to be more specific than 'flesh' or 'self'.

8. In your daily life do you know who God has appointed to be in authority over you? Write down specific leaders who govern, protect, and guide you. Also write down how they lead or why they have authority over you. How will you "be submitting to one another in the reverence to Christ" (Eph. 5:21)? Give any Scripture that helps you to honor Christ to be in submission to authority.
