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MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

I. The **WEALTH** of the Believer (Ephesians 1:1-3:21)



A deeper study of these passages can be found on our YouTube channel in the “Ephesians” playlist.



II. The **WALK** of the Believer (Ephesians 4:1-6:9)

- A. Walk **WORTHY**—**VERTICALLY** before **GOD** (Ephesians 4:1-32)
- B. Walk **WORTHY**—**Horizontally** toward **Others** (Ephesians 5:1-6:9)

The message of Paul’s letter to the saints in Ephesus can be simplified as **LOOK UP**, **LOOK IN**, and **LOOK OUT**. The first 3 chapters directs us to **LOOK UPWARD** and see God for Who He is and what He has done. Here in chapter 5 we are directed to **LOOK OUTWARD** and see others as God sees them.

1. Walk in **Ministry FULFILLING CHRIST’S Purpose** for You (Eph 4:11-12)
2. Walk in **Love DISPLAYING CHRIST’S Love** for You (Ephesians 5:1-2)
3. Walk in **Light REFLECTING CHRIST’S Light** in You (Ephesians 5:3-14)

It is imperative that we step forward in faith with a **UNIFIED, LOVING JERUSALEM MINISTRY MINDEDNESS** yielded to the **SPIRIT’S** moving.

4. Walk in **Step** with the Spirit, **submitting** to Christ's Spirit in You (Ephesians 5:18-21)

The law of love is to determine our attitude (Galatians 5:13).

a. The **Command** to Walk in the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)

- a) The **COMMAND** calls for a deliberate **choice**
- b) Our **CONDITION** calls for diligent **cooperation**

Galatians 5:16 *This I say then, "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."*

c) The **CHALLENGE** calls for saturating **concentration**

Colossians 3:16 Let the Word of **Christ** dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the **Lord**.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

d) Our **cooperation** brings a delightful **CHANGE**

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the **Lord**, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the **Spirit** of the **Lord**.

b. The **characteristics** of a Spirit-filled walk (Ephesians 5:19-21)

There is a **SPIRIT-FILLED Demonstration** in Ephesians 5:18-6:9 and A **WORD-FILLED Demonstration** in Colossians 3:16-4:1.

i. **Grace** on your **LIPS** (Ephesians 5:19)

- a) The **FOCUS** is **others**
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- b) The **ATTITUDE** is **Joy**
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ii. **Gratitude** in your HEART (Ephesians 5:20)

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of **God** in **Christ Jesus** concerning you.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the **Father** of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

iii. **Gentleness** in your RELATIONSHIPS (Ephesians 5:21)

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the **Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to **God** and the **Father** by **Him**. (cf. Colossians 3:23)

a) **Serving** OTHERS (21a)

Biblical submission does not refer to equality but HIERARCHY. It carries the idea of *willingly placing yourself under*. This command is for a **WILLING SUBMISSION**. This is the same idea as the quality of meekness—A humility in submission toward God which results in gentleness toward others.

Biblical *submission* fights against pride. Pride **DEMANDS ONE'S OWN WAY** while **HUMILITY GIVES WAY**—it does not demand its own rights (James 4:6).

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised *is* **Wisdom**.

b) **Submitting** to GOD (21b)

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the **LORD** *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise **Wisdom** and instruction.



Our **WORTHY WALK** is marked by **SPIRIT-FILLED MINISTRY MINDEDNESS**. We are to walk in **STEP** with the **SPIRIT**, **SUBMITTING** to **CHRIST'S SPIRIT** in You. The **CHARACTERISTICS** of a **SPIRIT-FILLED WALK** are evidenced as **GRACE** on your lips, **GRATITUDE** in your heart, and **GENTLENESS** toward your relationships as you **SERVE OTHERS** in **SUBMISSION TO GOD**.

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.



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What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must I demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will I most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,
Sacrificially love others
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!