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“How to Be Spirit Filled”
Ephesians 5:18-21 Part 11

The Spirit filled life is the life every true believer in Jesus Christ is called to! Ephesians 3:20-21.

- The Spirit’s power is made manifest in our praise and worship of God – vs. 19.
- The Spirit’s power is made manifest in a life of gratitude – vs. 20.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

3) The Spirit’s power is made manifest in a life of mutual submission – vs. 21

A. What is submission? Why is it important?

- Greek *hypotassō* – a military term ... rank under ... march in step with.
- Mutual submission is the key ingredient in all relationships.
- Christ is our MODEL (example) for all mutual submission.
- Matthew 20:20-28
- Who’s the greatest? The one who rules by serving the needs of those he leads! It is the pathway to greatness!
- A little further explanation and example – John 13:12-15.

(Background – Luke 22:21-24)

- What does this lead to? John 13:34-35
- Two extremes here ... the selfish disciples and the selfless King.

Philippians 2:1-5 (see vs. 1-11)

Romans 12:1-5, 16

Submission defined: My willingness to RELINQUISH my rights and my wants to meet the needs of others ... the pathway to greatness in the kingdom of God.

Why important? It is the foundation of all successful relationships.

B. Who are we to be submissive to? To one another.

- Greek ἀλλήλων (*allēlōn*) – one another, mutuality – mutually submissive.

Philippians 2:3-5

We are to regard each other and care for each other as Christ regards us and has met our needs.

- Look at the “One Another” sheet in your bulletin and look all these verses us this week (preferably in NASB). Then write out all the “one anothers”.

Summary of the “One Anothers”

- Now, as you can see, ONLY a Spirit filled person can understand the calling and power that lies with the mutually submissive life, Christ himself being our ultimate example. Pray we will follow in His footsteps ...

SUGGESTED DEVOTIONAL READING

- Monday:** Write out one anothers, Romans 12:10 – 1 Corinthians 12:25
Tuesday: Write out one anothers, Galatians 5:13 – Colossians 3:9
Wednesday: Write out one anothers, Colossians 3:12-13 – Hebrews 3:13
Thursday: Write out one anothers, Hebrews 10:23-25 – 1 Peter 4:9
Friday: Write out one anothers, 1 Peter 5:5 – 2 John 5
Saturday: Memorize Ephesians 5:18-21

TABLE TALK

After you have written out all the “one anothers”, get with your family or a friend and discuss how these look in real life practice.