

“The Spirit Filled Home” **Ephesians 5:18-6:4**

Introduction: When home is ruled according to God’s Word,” said Charles Haddon Spurgeon, “angels might be asked to stay with us, and they would not find themselves out of their element.”

The trouble is that many homes are not governed by God’s Word—even homes where the members are professing Christians—and the consequences are tragic. Instead of angels being guests in some homes, it seems that demons are the masters. Too many marriages end in the divorce court, and nobody knows how many husbands and wives are emotionally divorced even though they share the same address. The poet William Cowper called the home “the only bliss of Paradise that has survived the Fall,” but too many homes are an outpost of hell instead of a parcel of paradise. (Warren Wiersbe)

1. The Mandate for the Spirit Filled Life 5:18- *“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit”*
 - a. The Command- *“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess...”*
 - b. The Completion- *“...but be filled with the Spirit”*
2. The Manifestation of the Spirit Filled Life
 - a. In Our Speaking 5:19- *“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...”*
 - b. In Our Singing 5:19- *“...singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”*
 - c. In Our Salutations 5:20- *“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”*
 - d. In Our Submitting 5:21- *“Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”*
 - (1) “The root of most marital problems is sin, and the root of all sin is selfishness.” (Wiersbe)
 - (2) “Submission to Christ and to one another is the only way to overcome selfishness, for when we submit, the Holy Spirit can fill us and enable us to love one another in a sacrificial, sanctifying, satisfying way—the way Christ loves the church.” (Wiersbe)

Body: Let us look at each part of the home and their responsibility to be spirit filled.

- I. The Companions 5:22-33 (Notice our Lord’s teaching on the home—Mark 10:2-12)
 - A. The Head I Corinthians 11:3
 1. His Placement v. 23- *“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”*
 - a. It is for Direction- *“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church...”*

- (1) “Order is the unifying factor in all of God’s creation.” (Phillips)
- (2) “Sin introduced disorder and chaos into the universe. Sin began on earth when Satan challenged our first parents to defy God’s authority.” (Phillips)
- b. It is for Dedication- “...and he is the saviour of the body.”
 - (1) “Our Christian homes are to be pictures of Christ’s relationship to His church.” (Wiersbe)
 - (2) “Each believer is a member of Christ’s body, and each believer is to help nourish the body in love.” (Wiersbe)
- 2. His Priority v. 25- “*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it*” Colossians 3:19
 - a. Our Debt to Love v. 28- “*So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.*” I Corinthians 13:4-8
 - (1) “In the marriage relationship, the husband and wife become ‘one flesh.’ Therefore, whatever each does to the other, he does to himself or herself.” (Wiersbe)
 - (2) “Just as love is the circulatory system of the body of Christ (Eph. 4:16), so love is the nourishment of the home. How many people have confessed, ‘I am starved for love.’ There should be no starvation for love in the Christian home, for the husband and wife should so love each other that their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are met.” (Wiersbe)
 - b. Our Distribution in Love v. 29- “*For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church*” (From a Bone, to a Body, then to a Bride—Genesis 2:24)
 - c. Our Duty to Love v. 33- “*Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself...*” (“Marriage is much more than a physical union. It is psychological and spiritual union...”—Phillips)
- 3. His Purification v. 26- “*That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word*” John 15:3, 17:17
 - a. No Shouting Ephesians 4:31
 - b. No Sarcasm Ephesians 4:29
 - c. No Silence II Samuel 14:24, 28-33
- 4. His Presentation v. 27- “*That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*”
 - a. “Spots are caused by defilement on the outside, while wrinkles are caused by decay on the inside.” (Wiersbe)

- b. “Because the church becomes defiled by the world, it needs constant cleansing, and the Word of God is the cleansing agent.” (Wiersbe)
- 5. His Partnership v. 31- *“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.”*
 - a. The Understanding- *“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother...”* Genesis 2:24
 - b. The Union- *“...and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.”* Matthew 19:5-6
- 6. His Parenting 6:4- *“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”* Colossians 3:21 (The opposite of provoke is to encourage.—Wiersbe)
 - a. “If left to themselves, children will be rebels, so it is necessary for the parents to train their children.” (Wiersbe) Proverbs 22:6
 - b. “Years ago, the then Duke of Windsor said, ‘Everything in the American home is controlled by switches—except the children’ !” (Wiersbe)
 - c. Provoke
 - (1) “Fathers provoke their children and discourage them by saying one thing and doing another—by always blaming and never praising, by being inconsistent and unfair in discipline, and by showing favoritism in the home, by making promises and not keeping them, and by making light of problems that, to the children, are very important.” (Wiersbe)
 - (2) “The Bible is a balanced book. God does not command children to obey their parents without giving an injunction to parents. Fathers are not to provoke their children to wrath by being unreasonable in their demands, outrageous in their punishments, or inconsistent in their examples, rules, and controls.” (Phillips)
 - (3) “Christian parents need the fullness of the Spirit so they can be sensitive to the needs and problems of their children.” (Wiersbe)
 - d. Nurture
 - (1) “nurture” - Strong’ s— “the whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment) It also includes the training and care of the body; whatever in adults also cultivates the soul, esp.

by correcting mistakes and curbing passions; instruction which aims at increasing virtue; chastisement, chastening”

- (2) “The Christian husband is to nourish his wife [5:29] and his children by sharing love and encouragement in the Lord.” (Wiersbe)
- (3) “It is not enough to nurture the children physically by providing food, shelter, and clothing. He must also nurture them emotionally and spiritually.” (Wiersbe) I Timothy 5:8
- (4) “The word “nurture” carries with it the idea of learning through discipline. It is translated ‘chastening’ in Hebrews 12.” (Wiersbe) Hebrews 12:6, Proverbs 13:24

e. Admonition

- (1) “admonition” - Strong’ s— “exhortation; the mind, comprising alike the faculties of perceiving and understanding and those of feeling, judging, determining; of recognizing goodness and of hating evil; a particular mode of thinking and judging, i.e. thoughts, feelings, purposes, desires”
- (2) Admonition means to instruct and encourage. (Wiersbe)
- (3) “In the Book of Proverbs, for example, we have an inspired record of a father sharing wise counsel with his son.” (Wiersbe) Proverbs 31:1, II Timothy 3:15

B. The Helpmeet

1. Her Submission v. 22- “*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*” Colossians 3:18
 - a. Consider Her Loyalty- “*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands...*”
 - b. Consider Her Lord- “*...as unto the Lord.*”
 - (1) “What woman in all the world who has met and fallen in love with Jesus would not willingly do anything for Him?” (Phillips)
 - (2) “Never in the Gospels do we find a woman treating Him badly, speaking against Him, or doing anything to harm Him.” (Phillips)
2. Her Subjection v. 24- “*Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*” I Peter 3:1-4
 - a. The Spirituality of the Subjection- “*Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ...*”
 - b. The Scope of the Subjection- “*...so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*”

- (1) “He gives two reasons for this command: the lordship of Christ (Eph. 5:22) and the headship of the man in Christ (Eph. 5:23).” (Wiersbe)
 - (2) “Most of the marital conflicts I have dealt with as a pastor have stemmed from failure of the husband and or wife to submit to Christ, spend time in His Word, and seek to do His will each day.” (Wiersbe)
3. Her Superior v. 33- “...and the wife see that she reverence her husband.” I Peter 3:5-6

II. The Children 6:1-4 (Notice our Lord’s example—Luke 2:51)

A. Their Response v. 1- “*Children, obey...*” (Obedience is a response to a given command. “Sin always robs us; obedience always enriches us.” —Wiersbe)

1. Who they are to Obey- “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord...*”
2. Why they are to Obey- “...for this is right.”
 - a. “Since the parents brought the child into the world, and since they have more knowledge and wisdom than the child, it is right that the child obey his parents.” (Wiersbe)
 - b. “...the children are to render honor to their mothers and fathers as the human authors of their being—as those who loved them, protected them, taught them, and sacrificed for them.” (Phillips)
 - c. “Even young animals are taught to obey.” (Wiersbe)

B. Their Respect vs. 2-3- “*Honour thy father and mother...*”

1. Because of the Position v. 2- “*Honour thy father and mother...*”
2. Because of the Promise v. 2- “... (*which is the first commandment with promise;*)” Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16
3. Because of the Prosperity v. 3- “*That it may be well with thee...*”
4. Because of the Perpetuation v. 3- “...and thou mayest live long on the earth.” (Remember the Old Testament practice for a rebellious child—Deuteronomy 21:18-21)

Conclusion: May we pray that God will give us spirit filled homes.