

“SAVING OUR CHILDREN”

EPHESIANS 5:18-6:4

“LIVING A SHARED LIFE”

I. ...BUT BE COMPLETED BY THE SPIRIT

A. Who governs your life? Who do you serve?

1. Yourself?
2. God?
3. Some other?

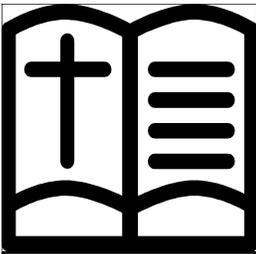
B. What is the purpose of your life? What is your mission? Purpose determines mission

**C. Living for the short term or the long term?
Producing fruit or bearing fruit?**

D. God’s purpose, plan, mission and power for you!

1. To conform you to the image of His Son
2. To sanctify for and train you as a leader in the world to come
3. To make you fruitful in your leadership training
4. All this being done through sharing the life of Christ by the Holy Spirit
5. This shared life is the only acceptable service given to the Lord. Bearing not producing.
 - a. Everything else is a loss.
 - b. It may have gratified you so you have your reward. Expect nothing else
 - c. It may have benefited someone else so you have your reward. A servant is not rewarded for doing what he was told.

E. Be completed by the Holy Spirit - how to be filled with the Spirit Eph 5:18-21



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“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



1. *Live your identity and actually trusting Christ*
2. *Intentionally know the words of Christ as the total truth; the perfect reality; not common words or pithy sayings*
3. *“Filling” is actually “being fulfilled” or completed by the Spirit*
 - a. *Take a faith-filled, expectant, step of obedience*
 - b. *The Spirit interacts with your spirit to complete that action as godly*
 - c. *This shared action opens your spirit to further evidences of being a child of God*
 - 1c. *Answered prayer John 15:7*
 - 2c. *Transformed thinking Rom 12:2*
 - 3c. *Desire for more opportunities to glorify Christ; boldness Acts 4:23ff*
 - 4c. *Unbridled praise of God Eph 5:19*
 - 5c. *Powerful thanksgiving Eph 5:20*
 - 6c. *Humility overflowing into mutual submission to one another Eph 5:21*
See also 1 Pet 5:1-9 Submission to one another wrapped in humility; receiving God’s grace; not being resisted by Him
4. *Applications of submitting to one another bring restoration to the family as God intended it*
 - a. *Wives submit to your husbands is the evidence of a Spirit-filled wife*
 - 1a. *Reversing the curse*
 - 2a. *Restoring team work with dignity*