

WOMEN IN THE WORD FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

EPHESIANS: THE INHERITANCE WE HAVE IN CHRIST

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LESSON TEN: Walking In Wisdom

Eph 5:15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

See—**blepo**—take heed, direct the mind to

Circumspectly—**akribos**—to live carefully, exactly

Pro 3: 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Fool says; “There is no God.”

Titus 3:3-6

Gal 3:1,3

Pro 2: 6-7 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; **7** He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;

Eph 5:16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Time—**kairos**—a block of time, season of time allotted to us

Ps 90:10; 1Chron 29:15

Jas 4: 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

Redeeming—**exagorazo**—to buy up, to make a wise and sacred use of every opportunity for doing good

Psa 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Unwise—**aphron**—stupid, without intelligence, acting rashly

What is the will of God?

Rom 12:2; 1Pet 2:13-15

1Th 4:3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;

Reject worldly things, be transformed, renew your mind, abstain from sexual immorality, submit to human authorities

Pursue God and His will.

Eph 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

Drunk—**methysko**—cause someone to lose control, become unable to think clearly or function properly

Be filled—**pleroo**—diffuse throughout one's soul with everything which God wills, supply abundantly with something, impart richly

The Holy Spirit wants to guide and direct us, not just reside in us.

Eph 5:19-21 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Speaking—**laleo**—outward directed, describes how we begin to touch others around us through our love, fellowship, care, and concern

Making melody—**psallo**—we get psalm from this Greek word; to sing to the music of the harp, celebrate praises of God in song, in honor of God

Ps 66:1-4

Psa 98:1, 4-6 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. ... 4 Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. 5 Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, 6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

Giving thanks always... greatest gift we can give is a thankful heart

God's will **1Thes 5:18** giving thanks

In the name of our Lord...

Submitting to one another

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Submit—**hypotasso**—to subject oneself, to submit to one's control; to yield to one's admonition or advice, absolutely

Your own—**idios**—persons belonging to the house, family, a husband

1Co 11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

A partnership, intimate relationship, deep, mutual gratifying friendship

Primary relationship is God, then husband

Eph 5:23-24 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Head—**kephale**— prominent of persons, of a husband in relation to his wife

A beautiful picture of the intimate, personal, loving relationship between the Savior and His people

Submissive; military term, in non-military; a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility and carrying a burden

Jeremiah: "...When both are doing their part, there is a beautiful tension that comes together to hold the marriage in a kind of trust. There is a give and take that naturally occurs."

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Love, agape; unconditional, sacrificial

Jesus is the perfect example!! **Phil 2:4-8**

1Pet 3:7 with understanding

Eph 5:26-27 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

this agape love will cause a husband to have a sanctifying on his wife

Eph 5:28-30 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

Love as his own body

Nourish—**ektrepho**—to nourish or rear up to maturity, to bring up

Cherish—**thalpo**—to cherish with tender love, to warm, to foster; encourage, nurture, stimulate, support

Supplies all her needs—as Christ; **Phil 4:19**

Swindoll; “Paul returns to his original analogy of Christ and the church, pointing out an even deeper and more profound purpose for the marriage relationship. Not only is the love of Christ for the church a model for marriage, but the husband-and-wife relationship is meant to be lived in such a way that it points people to Christ! Christ tenderly cares for us as He does His own body—because we are His body.”

1Co 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

Permanent union with Christ, permanent union of husband and wife

Eph 5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Reflects the mystery between Christ and the Church, between husband and wife

Eph 5:32-33 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

This intimate relationship, Paul tells us is meant to point people to Christ and His church.

Swindoll, “The more our marriages reflect the ideal of mutual submission—the wife respecting and helping her husband and the husband loving and honoring his wife—the more we reflect to others the mysterious relationship between Christ and believers.

Respects—**phobeo**—reverence, fear offending, implying that submission is the showing of respect

Reflective/application questions for wives

What is your attitude toward submitting to your husband? Have you been resistant? Why?

Do you support and encourage your husband? Do you treat him with respect, even when you disagree with him?

In what ways do you seek your husband's highest good? If your husband were to answer this question, would he agree with your answer?

What specific attitudes and actions do you need to cease in order to apply the principles of Ephesians 5:21-24,33? What specific attitudes and actions do you need to cultivate in order to model your relationship after the relationship between Christ and His church?

Eph 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Next week/Lesson11: Walking in Obedience