

Bible Study: Ephesians 5:18-21 – Study Guide
Wednesday, May 13, 2020

During last week's study: We were directed to...

A) _____

B) _____

Ephesians 5:11 - ...have no fellowship with the *unfruitful* works of darkness, but rather expose them.

What then must we be like? _____

What is essential in making sure such a thing works as designed? _____

Chapter 5, on into Chapter 6, focuses on our _____, which - *it they are not maintained properly* - will impact our ability to engage in spiritual warfare; to clothe ourselves and properly utilize the Armor of God.

There are five relationships addressed:

How we then interact with _____.

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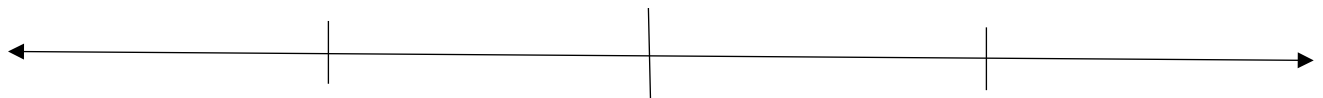
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Each of these must be properly tended to, for they impact our ability to engage well in spiritual warfare. *Consider:* **1 Peter 5:8**

Ephesians 5:18 – ¹⁸ And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation (degeneracy); *but be filled with the Spirit,*



1. Where would you plot _____ on that scale?
2. Where should _____ seek to be?
3. Which position on the scale would most reflect _____?

“Drunkenness is DISSIPATION” – What’s that mean, anyway?

Leviticus 11:45 - For I *am* the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Does verse 18 give us any direction as to where we should be plotted on this scale, or... are we given “free reign” to be anywhere along the continuum?

Luke 11:13 - If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Ephesians 5:19-21 - ¹⁹ 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.

So, there are THREE TYPES of singing we are directed to participate in:

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs. Let's consider **Psalms** -

Psalm _____ – *“As the Deer panteth for the water, so my soul doeth long for Thee.”*

Psalm _____ – *“Unto Thee oh Lord, do I lift up my soul... Oh my God, I trust in Thee, Let me not be ashamed. Let not mine enemies triumph over me.”*

Psalm _____ – *“I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the rock, let the God of my salvation be exalted...”*

Using scripture from anywhere within your Bible, make a song out of it:

The key is to _____ in the word of God

The object is to _____ the word of God as we sing.

The result is that we _____ His word.

Setting our minds continually on His word...

Consider: Deuteronomy 6:6-9/10-12 –

⁶“And **these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.** ⁷You shall **teach them** diligently to your children, and shall **talk of them** *when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

⁸**You shall bind them as a sign** on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹**You shall write them on the doorposts** of your house and **on your gates.**

Why?

¹⁰“So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, ¹¹houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant—when you have eaten and are full—¹²**then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.**

Ephesians 5 and the first of Chapter 6 take a look at our relationships with: **God, Others, Family, and Employers.** All of which are critical in being able to effectively implement the whole Armor of God.

Next week, we will work our way through **Ephesians 5:22-6:9.** So, read through it, consider it, and be ready to move on to the Armor of God the week after next.