

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

Character

Be Being Filled – Part 3

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Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

John the Baptist>>>

Treating others:

Ephesians 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

Treating the Lord:

Ephesians 5:20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

Flowing as One:

Ephesians 5:21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

- No Rock Stars
- Eliab

It All Begins at Home:

Wives:

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, [be subject] to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Husbands:

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

Children:

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER...**

Servants, Employees, those who serve under a pastor, anyone who is subject to another's authority:

Ephesians 6:5-7 KJV - Servants, be obedient to them that are [your] masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

Employers, Pastors, managers, anyone in a position of authority:

Ephesians 6:9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. **11 Put on the full armor of God**, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. **12** For our struggle **is not** against flesh and blood,...

- **Christians of poor character always have difficulty with the flesh**
- **Sometimes their flesh, sometimes other's flesh, but they struggle with flesh...**
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- **The armor of God is more than what you think...**

The chief thing is, we need to be people of integrity and Character:

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

Ephesians 5:2 and walk in love, ...

- **Think of walking in Love as if love was a path you needed to stay on or you would lose your way on your journey**
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- **When walking through life on this path it is easy to love the Lord with all your hearty, and it is easy to love others as yourself**
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- **Walking in love keeps your character in check**
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- **You don't engage in things in secret that would hurt the ones you love...**

People of Character know that they are not what they were, they are what they are:

Ephesians 5:8 for you **were** formerly darkness, **but now you are** Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

Ephesians 5:9 (for the fruit of the Light [consists] in all goodness and righteousness and truth), **10** trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

- **The Armor of God is the Armor of light**
- **Light exposes everything**
- **Only those who still walk in darkness have things they need to hide**
- **Saints who possess character have nothing to hide...**

Romans 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

- **Simply put, let-us-behave**
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- **When we are walking on the path of love we are walking in the daylight**
- **all is visible and nothing is hidden**

- **When we stray into the darkness we have stopped being filled with the Spirit**
- **and we become drunk with sinful pleasures, and self-gratifying character flaws**

People of Character do not stray down this path of darkness where spiritual forces of wickedness lie in wait:

- **People of Character do not turn to the right or to the left**
- **Far too many do to their own destruction**
- **People of character do no harm to the people in their lives...**

Again:

Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

- **Being filled with the Spirit produces Character**
- **On the other hand, neglecting to be filled forfeits any hope of maintaining our character in Christ**

Continually being filled with the Holy Spirit allows Him access to the inner recesses of our hearts:

- **The Holy Spirit uses the experiences of our life, both good and bad, to produce Character within us**

Romans 5:3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, ***proven character***; ...

Stay with me:

Romans 5:4 ...; and proven character, (produces) hope;

Romans 5:5 and hope does not disappoint, ***because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit*** who was given to us.

- **As we obey the instruction of Ephesians 5:18 God is able to pour the Holy Spirit into our hearts**
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- **The Holy Spirit then takes the love of God and imparts it into the very fabric of our hearts**

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- **Did God not say, I will bring a new covenant and write My laws on their hearts...**

- **When we walk in a state of being filled with the Holy Spirit**
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- **He takes our life experiences and produces Character within us**
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- **As we walk in this Character it produces hope**
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- **This hope we have as an anchor to our soul that keeps us through temptations and the storms of life**
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- **And produces with in us an inner joy**
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- **This inner joy produces an unshakable spirit of expectation that keeps us walking on the path of love**
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- **Bathed in the light of the Lord**
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- **Protecting us from the forces of darkness which are always trying to get us to discard the armor of light**

The armor of Light is Godly character

Without character power means nothing

WITHOUT CHARACTER YOU WILL BE HURTING AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU ARE HELPING