

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



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Submit To One Another

Paul describes the Spirit-filled Christian as one who speaks to their brothers and sisters-in-Christ: *in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs* - demonstrating a life that rejoices in the truth.. and one that is enlarged by speaking of God's goodness and grace with other members of Christ's body.

Not only does the Spirit-filled Christian demonstrate an outward delight in God.. but they show forth the inner joy of the Lord, when they sing and makes melody in the silent secrecy of their own heart - singing with thanksgiving and praise, in the privacy of their own inner being.. to the glory of God. Such delight in the Lord is illustrated many times by the sweet Psalmist of Israel and demonstrated by Zacharias the priest...at the birth of his special little son, who was to become the forerunner of the Messiah.


Yes a thankful heart, boldness in testifying to the truth of the gospel, power for spiritual service, open-hearted generosity towards others and the exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ.. are all evidences given in the Word of God, of the man or woman who is filled with the Spirit of God.. which results a Christ-like life of godly self-sacrifice.. and an abundance of spiritual fruit.

And in this verse we discover one further evidence of being filled with the Spirit - it is the man or woman who graciously submits to one another in the fear of Christ. One who is Spirit-filled is one who is humble of heart; considers others more important than themselves and is willing to be subject to their fellow Christians, to the glory of God and for the sake of Jesus Christ

A gracious and mutual submission towards our brothers and sisters-in-Christ demonstrates a seemliness and sobriety that is often lacking in Christian circles today. Humility of heart, an unassertiveness of demeanour and a gentle forbearance towards fellow believers is one of the evidences that Paul lists in identifying a Spirit-filled believer - an attitude that seems to be sadly lacking in these end times, when the love of many has grown cold and a critical posture appears to have become the norm in the lives of many Christian.


It is in order to honor and reverence the Lord that we are exhorted to be submissive to one another.. for Paul writes: *be subject to one another in the fear of Christ*. Underpinning our attitude, our actions, our mind and our motive towards one another.. should be a deep reverence for the Lord Jesus, Who is the Head of the body and Master of all. Let us seek to be filled.. and continue to be filled day by day by the Holy Spirit of God.. in all we say and do.. and in every area of our lives - so that our life may be a demonstration of the life of Christ living in us.. flowing through us and streaming out to others - for their benefit and to the glory of God.

Resource: dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

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PRaise

- I'm able to help more with the Association of Baptists' Literature Division this year, which produces and sells Christian literature and Bibles in the Bangla language.
- Praise the Lord for an English class with a group of poor girls at (a friend's ministry) the Light of Hope Center.

PRAY

- Pray for my 2 classes at William Carey Academy (Christian school for nationals): speech (seniors) and yearbook (HS elective).
- Pray for the Christian kids and I to have a good testimony and for others to be saved.
- Pray for my mom, who is undergoing cancer treatments over the holidays.

KEY3VERSE

Ephesians 5:21 (NKJV)

“submitting to one another in the fear of God”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ephesians 5:21; Romans 12:10

Introduction

1. According to paragraph 3 on pg. 1 what are the evidences given in the Word that show a man or woman to be filled with the Sprit of God?
2. Ephesians 5:21 commands us to *“submit to one another in the fear of God.”* What will this require of us in terms of our humility and our rights?

Tuesday: Ephesians 5:18; Philippians 2:5-8

Understand the Supernatural Meaning Of Submission

3. In Ephesians 5:18 we as believers are called to *“be filled with the Spirit.”* How will fulfilling this command enable us to be more yielding to others?
4. As we read through Philippians 2:5-8 we see Christ defined by his submission. How are YOU inspired to Christlikeness by these verses?

Wednesday: Philippians 2:4; Matthew 20:26-27

Understand The Value Of Submission

5. Why does the calling of Philippians 2:4 ultimately serve everybody well?
6. Matthew 20:26-37 is a clear calling to put others before ourselves. How does overcoming our *“desire to be first”* result in greater unity and order overall?

Thursday: James 4:7; Eph. 5:22; Eph. 6:1; Eph. 6:5-8

Apply The Relationships Of Submission

7. How can teaching and living by the principles of Ephesians 5:22 and Ephesians 6:1 impact your family and your relationship with them?
8. No matter what you may think of your employer we are commanded in Ephesians 6:5-8 to be *“obedient”* to them! Are YOU as you are to the Lord?
9. What protection does James 4:7 grant us if we will *“submit to God”* ?

Friday: Rom. 13:1-2; Heb. 13:7; Heb. 13:17; I Pet. 5:5a; I Pet. 5:5b

Practice Submission To Your Authorities

10. Romans 13:2 tells us that *“whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God.”* What will be the penalty for this?
11. Hebrews 13:7 and 13:17 speak of those who lead us spiritually and *“watch out for our souls.”* Do YOU regularly submit to their authority?
12. What warning does I Peter 5:5b offer regarding those filled with Pride?