

Living as God's new people – marriage, home & work Eph.5:21-6:9

The Spirit-filled person:-

- a. Our relationships – in the Church – 4:1-16
 - with ourselves – 5:3-18
 - with God – 5:19,20
 - with others – 5:21-6:9
- b. Everyday relationships
- c. We are to live differently – 4:17; 5:8,15

1. Spirit-filled marriages

a. Wife – joyful submission 5:22-24,33

- serving Christ – v.22
- helping the husband – v.23 Gen.2:18
- following the example of Christ-1Cor.15:24-28

b. Husband – servant leadership 5:25-29

- sacrificial love – v.25
- helping his wife – v.26-29
- following the example of Christ

2. Spirit-filled families

The family is a **formation centre**:-

a. Children – 6:1-3

- learning to obey
- the blessing of obedience
- the example of Jesus-Lk.2:51,52;John19:26,27

b. Parents/fathers – 6:4

- loving, wise authority
- discipling – Pr.,Dt.6:4-9,20,21;Ps.78:1-82Tim.1:5;3:14,15
- the example of Jesus with his disciples

3. Spirit-filled workers

a. Slaves/employees – 6:5-8

- attitude towards boss – v.5
- motivation for work – v.6-8
- our example is Jesus

b. Master/boss – 6:9

- know who your ultimate boss is
- know who your employee is
- our example is Jesus

4. Our response

- a. The Christian's goal – to be like Jesus:-
 - his servant leadership
 - his joyful submission
- b. Does your marriage show Christ to the world?
- c. What should a parent's goal for their child be?
- d. Does my perspective of work need to change?
- e. Our resources – the Cross & the Spirit