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Ephesians 5:18-21

Building Authentic Relationships with My Family

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In order to reflect Christ in my home...

- I. I must put God at the **CENTER** of my life, my family, and my **HOME** . (v.17-18)

“filled with the Spirit” = controlled by the Spirit

- II. I must develop an attitude of Christian **JOY** and **THANKFULNESS** in my relationships. (v.19-20)

Taking each other for granted is one of the chief causes of marital and family problems.

Sermon Notes (continued)

- III. I must put the needs of **OTHERS** above my **OWN** . (v.21)

The word “*submit / submission*” is not a bad word. Rather, it’s a beautiful picture of everyone in the family voluntarily and willingly laying down some of their rights and freedoms for the sake of each other.

My Next Steps:

1. To help me stay filled/controlled by the Spirit, I will daily pray and spend at least 15 minutes studying God’s Word.
2. This week I will say thank you and let my family know how much I appreciate all they do.
3. This week I will seek to serve my family in selfless ways (here’s a hint: surprise them by cleaning your room, doing the laundry, etc.).
4. Other: _____