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*The importance for a mother to be Spirit-filled.

-Her task is great!
(A father works from sun to sun, but a mother's work is never done")

--Her time is short!
(The children grow up so fast)

Christian women have an ability that no other women have. They have the ability to be controlled by the Spirit of God!

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I. The COMMAND to be Spirit-Filled (v. 18)

What is the filling of the Spirit?

A. The filling of the Spirit is the will of God (Eph. 5:17)

B. The filling of the Spirit is not an option, but an obligation.

It is a command! To not be filled is to be disobedient to God and to be living in sin!

C. The filling of the Spirit is to be a continuous experience of the believer.

1. Proof: The present tense imperative points to the repetitious nature of the Spirit filling a believer throughout his life.

2. There is one baptism of the Spirit (Eph. 4:5), but there are many fillings!

D. The filling of the Spirit is a work of God.

1. Proof: The passive voice of the imperative - "Be filled."

2. God is saying, Allow yourself to be filled. God does the filling as the believer does the yielding.

E. The filling of the Spirit refers tot he control of the Holy Spirit (vs. 18-21)

Note the contrast between being filled (controlled) with "wine" (v. 18a, cp. Prov. 20:1, 23:29-35) which leads to "excess" ("riotous" living - Titus 1:6; Lk. 15:13); and being filled (controlled) with the Spirit which leads to spiritual singing (v. 19), thankfulness (v. 20), and Godly submission (v. 21).

Note: The filling of the Spirit is not you getting more of the Holy Spirit, but it is you letting the Holy Spirit get more of you!

II. The KEY to Being Spirit-Filled

*Basically, the key to being Spirit-filled is being yielded (surrendered) to the Holy Spirit.

Three conditions for being filled with the Spirit:

A. Don't grieve the Spirit (Eph. 4:30).

1. To grieve means to cause sorrow to the person of the Holy Spirit.

2. You grieve Him by sin (Eph. 4:29, 31).

B. Don't quench the Spirit (I Th. 5:19).

You quench the Spirit by now allowing God to speak to you - via His Word (I Th. 5:20).

C. Walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16).

This means to live a life of surrender or yieldedness to the Spirit so that the Holy Spirit can direct your steps, actions, and attitudes.

*Basically, the key to being Spirit-filled is a yieldedness to God on a daily basis.

III. The CONSEQUENCES of Being Spirit-Filled (v. 19-21)

A. Three evidences of being Spirit-filled (v. 19-21)

1. An inward evidence (v. 19) (Praise and joy)

2. An upward evidence (v. 20) (Thankful heart to God)

3. An outward evidence (v. 21) (Submissive attitude and action)

B. Nine fruits of being Spirit-filled (Gal. 5:22)

1. "Love" - Agapao - a love that comes only from God.

   *An unconditional decision to meet needs.

   A mother filled with the Spirit has the power to be:

--unselfish

--give, not seek to get

2. "Joy" -

A Spirit-filled mother can bring a jubilant Spirit into the home (EX: Bob & Joyce Templeton).

Jesus
Others
You

The Spirit can give joy even in the midst of trials (Jms. 1:2ff).

3. "Peace" -

A Spirit-filled mother can bring a calmness into the home (in a society of turmoil and confusion).

Worrying mothers produce insecure children.

Remember Phil. 4:7.

4. "Patience" -

A cardinal virtue of Motherhood!

--Patience not to blow up

--Patience not to give up

What do messy diapers, spilled milk, and disobedient children all

have in common? They are all a test of your patience.

5. "Gentleness" -

Lit. kindness.

This describes a thoughtful mother, who cares for her family.

Their best interest is in her mind.

6. "Goodness" -

The mother who possesses this virtue does what is right, whether she feels like it or not.

7. "Faith" -

EX: Hannah - I Sam. 1:9-18, 24-28. Hannah had faith to trust her son over to God.

EX: Lois and Eunice (II Tim. 1:5), who passed their unhypocritical faith to Timothy.

A mother who is filled with the Spirit sees beyond the temporal (this world).

8. "Meekness" -

A gentleness, a soft manner of dealing with people.

A mom filled with the Spirit is not harsh.

9. "Self-control" -

You have the ability to say NO to yourself.

A mother filled with the Spirit is not a slave to TV, food, pleasure, etc.

CONCLUSION: