

## BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

### Walking In The Spirit

- I. **Spirit-filled is not a one-time event, but a day-to-day supply-Ep5:18-Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit-CJ-Keep on being filled-2Co4:16-Inward man is renewed day by day (strength)-Ep3:14-I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, <sup>16</sup>That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might (ability) by his Spirit in the inner man; <sup>17</sup>That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; <sup>19</sup>And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**
- A. Notes-1.Depleted 2.Vessels-**2Tm2** 3.Bring forth-**Mt12:35** 4.Life starts in the heart-Full of > what I do > what I experience in life-**Pr4:23-MSG**
- II. **Walking in the Spirit is the result of being full of the spirit-Ga5:13-Brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the **flesh**, but by love serve one another. <sup>15</sup>But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. <sup>16</sup>This I say then, **Walk** in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. <sup>18</sup> But if ye be **led** of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the **works** (result, product) of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness (moral impurity), lasciviousness (intemperance), <sup>20</sup>Idolatry, witchcraft (drugs, magic), hatred (hostility), variance (quarrelling), emulations (envious contentious rivalry), wrath (anger), strife (faction, feud), seditions (division), heresies (sect, disagreements), <sup>21</sup>Envyings (ill-will, jealousy), murders, drunkenness, revellings (partying), and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the **fruit** (result, effect) of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), gentleness (kindness, moral excellence), goodness (uprightness of life) faith, <sup>23</sup>Meekness (mild, gentle), temperance (self-control): against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.**
- A. Don't use freedom to serve the flesh-It's a destroyer-CEV-If you keep attacking each other like wild animals, you had better watch out or you will destroy yourselves.
- B. Walking in/led by the spirit is being influenced The Holy Spirit-Walk-Follow, conduct-w18-Guided by influences of spirit-Led-Direct, induce-produce by influence
- C. Walking in the flesh is being influenced by the enemy-Flesh-Human nature of man apart from divine influence and prone to sin-Ep2:2-In time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: <sup>3</sup>Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh
- D. Works & Fruit-What's brought forth when influenced by the flesh/spirit
- E. Bringing forth (works of the flesh/the fruit of the spirit) has to do with what you've yielded to and gotten full of-Rm8:5-They that are after the flesh do mind (entertain-Keep in the mind, receive into house) the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit
1. "Minding" is an opening up of yourself-Mt6:22-Light of the body is the eye (eyes of mind): if therefore thine eye be single thy whole body shall be full of light.<sup>23</sup>But if thine eye be evil thy whole body shall be full of darkness
  2. Filled with flesh-Rm1:29-Being FILLED with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,<sup>30</sup> Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful
  3. Stay full of the spirit, you'll walk in the Spirit-Make tree good

4. An easy way to tell what you're full is to heed what you bring forth

### III. Walking in the flesh affects your prosperity, your ministry and your reward

- A. Destruction is attached to the flesh-**Ga6:8**-He that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption (ruin, destruction); but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting (perpetual)-**Rm8:6**-To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace (prosperity)-**Rm8:13**-If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live
1. He isn't just after fleshy behavior, but the destruction it bears-**Jn10:10**-The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy
  2. Walking in the flesh is yielding to his influences-Gives access-**Ep4:26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: <sup>27</sup>Neither give place to the devil-**Rm6:16**-To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness?
  3. Walking in the spirit is connected to life and blessing-**2Co3:6**-The Spirit gives **life** (Life real, genuine, active, vigorous and blessed even in this world of those who put their trust in Christ, but after the resurrection to be consummated by new accessions among them a more perfect body, and to last forever)-**Ga5:21-CEV**-No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God's kingdom
- B. Walking in the flesh can make you unfit for service NOT salvation-**1Co9:27**-I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached [the gospel] to others, I myself will not somehow be disqualified [as unfit for service]-**2Tm2:21**-If a man therefore purge himself from these he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use and prepared unto every good work
- C. Walking in the flesh can cost you reward in the next life-**1Co3:12**-Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;<sup>13</sup> Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.<sup>14</sup> If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.<sup>15</sup> If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire-**Ep5:5**-For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God-**Co3:23**-And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; <sup>24</sup> Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup> But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons
- D. Walking in the flesh won't cost you your salvation-He was a fornicator and was saved, but walking in the flesh affected his prosperity in this life, his ministry and his reward in the next life, but not his salvation **Ga15:22, 1Cor5:1**-It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. <sup>5</sup>To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus-**Rm7**
- E. Not being full of the Spirit makes you susceptible to the flesh and therefore vulnerable to 1) Destruction 2) Missing out on God's blessings 3) Missing out on ministry 4) Missing out on reward-**Rm13:14**-But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.
1. By staying full of the spirit and walking in the spirit I am positioned to enjoy the full measure of God's blessing and prosperity, to be used of God in ministry and to receive my full reward-Not being filled brings into jeopardy the full measure of those things

