

Text: Ephesians 5:21
Topics: Christian Life, Relationships with Others
Series: Build My Church!

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It is More Blessed to What?

I. The Context (Ephesians)

Let all your conduct reflect that you now belong to Christ, and not to the world.

II. The Careful Walk (Ephesians 5:18-21)

The life in Christ that is laid out for you is a walk according to the wisdom, will, and Spirit of God.

III. The Conditioned Walk (Ephesians 5:21)

The will of God is that you subject your preferences to God's priorities for others, as revealed in His Word.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Have you seen the concept of "submit" misused by Christians (whether in the sense of demanding, or refusing)? Explain.

2. Skim through Ephesians chapters 1-3. What words, describing your position in Christ before God, jump out? Why do they jump out?

What is Paul's desire for his readers? Where do you see it?

3. Paul urges his readers "therefore" to "walk in a manner worthy of your calling" (4:1). Skim through chapters 4-6 and note what jumps out to you about this walk.

4. Read Ephesians 5:15-21. What does Paul want his readers to think about? See also 5:2, 8.

What are the "not...but" contrasts? Which is hardest for you to apply? Why?

5. What is our "one another" this week? (5:21)
What does this verse say about why this "one another" needs to be practiced? Explain what that means.

6. Has your study of the Biblical concept of "submit to one another" challenged you in any way? Are there any adjustments you need to make in thought or action? Ask your group to pray for you concerning this.