

Fresh Oil in our Marriage

Ephesians 5:18-25

Harmony in the Home

I. The Foundation of Harmony

A. The Holy Spirit of God

- Ephesians 5:18-21
- 1. The filling of the Holy Spirit (v. 18)
- 2. The evidences of being Spirit-filled.
(vs. 19-21)
 - a. Joy (v. 19)
 - b. Gratitude (v. 20)
 - c. Submission (v. 21)

B. The Word of God

- Colossians 3:15-17
- 1. The saturation of the Word of God. (v. 16)
- 2. The evidences of being saturated with the Word.
 - a. Joy (v. 16b)
 - b. Gratitude (v. 17)
 - c. Submission (v. 18)

II. The Enemy of Harmony

- John 10:10
- Notice the contrast:**
- A. Satan comes** *to steal, and to kill, and to destroy*
- B. Jesus Christ came** *that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

III. The Requirements for Harmony

- Ephesians 5:22-25

A. The responsibility of the wife

(two-fold):

1. Submission [submitting herself to her husband] (v. 22)
2. Reverence [respecting her husband] (v. 33)

B. The responsibility of the husband

(two-fold):

1. Husbands are to lead.
 - (v. 23) *For the husband is the head of the wife*

This position of headship was given for two reasons:

- a. The order of Creation (Man was created first, then the woman).
 - I Corinthians 11:8-9
 - I Timothy 2:12-13
 - b. The order within the Godhead
 - I Corinthians 11:3
2. Husbands are to love.
 - (v. 25) *Husbands, love your wives*

How is the husband to love his wife?

 - a. Love sacrificially
 - even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it*
 - b. Love unconditionally
 - Romans 5:6-8
 - c. Love continually
 - I Corinthians 13:7-8
 - Jeremiah 31:3