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"SAVING OUR CHILDREN" EPHESIANS 5:18-6:4 *"SPIRIT-FILLED CHILDREN"*

- I. THE SHARED LIFE IS A LIFE OF HUMILITY SHARED WITH CHRIST
 - A. Spirit-filled humility is expressed in at least three ways:
 - 1. $\underline{\check{P}}$ instead of suspicion or self-promotion
 - 2. <u>T</u> instead of complaint or anger
 3. <u>S</u> instead of self-determination
 - B. Submission to each other is to be in the fear of the Lord, i.e. I am to consider who established the order and my part in it. I am accountable to God for who I am and what I do with it
 - C. Šuch submission is the evidence of the <u>h</u> of the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives
 - D. It is the opposite of what brought sin into the world
- I. SPIRIT-FILLED CHILDREN OBEY AND HONOR THEIR PARENTS
 - A. "Children" refers to either gender and specifies no age
 - B. "keep on obeying", "obey constantly"
 - 1. It means to listen to what they are teaching and act on it
 - 2. It goes beyond simply following the rules; it is to hear the teaching of our faith, let it become a part of you and let faith be born in you
 - 3. It is to go on constantly; more than compliance



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- C. "your parents in the Lord" 1. Not an excuse for disobeying <u>u</u> parents 2. It is "in the Lord" you are to obey your parents; It is because of your relationship to your Creator who in His creating ordained the order that would make it righteous and fully functioning that is the cause of your obedience D. "...for this is right" This Spirit-filled submitted obedience to the Lord is what puts things in their right order; this is God restoring things to the peaceful righteous order in which *He made it; that is peace* E. "Honor your father and your mother" Show them the respect God has given them as those responsible for you; this too is the order of how the earth was to be replenished BONUS: This one comes with a p
- F. "that it may be well with you..."
 - 1. How you treat your parents is how you'll treat adults in your life ; you <u>r</u> the response
 - 2. How you treat your parents is how you'll treat your spouse and children; you learn about love from them; you learn your parenting from them; you <u>r</u> the response
 - 3. Your emotions will factor into your health and well-being: anger, resentment, pride
- G. "...that you may live a great time upon the earth" You cut your life short through dishonor