**September 30, 2018 “Children Obey Your Parents” Ephesians 6:1-3**

**Part 2**

In our study of Ephesians and in our study of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday evenings, I find it quite interesting that we oftentimes overlook the practicality of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Note, when we study our passage today, we will correctly identify that this passage is in direct correlation with Ephesians 5:18 which in my opinion is the catalyst for the rest of the book. Ephesians 5:18… “and do not get drunk with wine for that is dissipation but be filled with the Holy Spirit”.

Isn’t it insightful that the identifying features of the being filled with the Holy Spirit is… wives who respect and submit to their own husbands; husbands who love, nourish and cherish their wives and children who obey their parents? I see nothing in this passage about speaking in tongues, working of miracles or any of the other “gifts” of the Spirit. I only see a practical application of the Spirit filled man and woman that spills over to their children in how they, the children, are being raised in one of the most godless societies on earth at the time of the writing of this letter to the Ephesian church.

Don’t you think we should examine why this passage follows Ephesians 5:18 especially as it relates to children? Why does God say to all Christian parents, “teach your children to obey and respect you”?

Last year alone, out of the 700,000 police officers in the United States, 57,000+ of them were assaulted physically in some way or another. Many of these assaults are carried out by people age 16-30 which I would consider a young person.

Here is another article I read this week. We even have acronyms… Adolescent to parent violence and abuse (APVA) may be referred to as ‘adolescent to parent violence (APV)’ ‘adolescent violence in the home (AVITH)’, ‘parent abuse’, ‘child to parent abuse’, ‘child to parent violence (CPV)’, or ‘battered parent syndrome”.

Why have I told you all this? It is because that the sin that nature resides in all of us also resides in our children and it must be confronted. What are you really teaching your child when you set standards for behavior? You are teaching them self-control which is by the way one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit as described in Galatians 5: 23.

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1. I would like to show you how seriously God takes the raising of children.
   1. Ex 21: 15-17
      1. Ex 21: 12-36….rules for society
         1. Vs 51…..strike your parents…….you die
         2. Vs 17…..you curse your parents…..you die
      2. How do think this would affect our society today?
      3. How different would our world be?
2. God has not left us without instruction
   1. Proverbs is really not just a collection of wise sayings
      1. It is full of practical knowledge for all of us….especially children
   2. Note all the things this book has to say to children
      1. Prov 1: 8-9 and following
      2. Prov 2: 1-6
      3. Prov 4: 1-4
      4. Prov 4: 10-11
      5. Prov 5: 1-4
      6. Prov 7: 1-5
      7. Prov 8: 32-36
   3. Note the opposite
      1. Prov 30: 11-14
      2. Prov 30: 15-17
         1. Leech…..blood sucking parasite
         2. Give, give, give me
3. How does God deal with you and me as Christians?
   1. Prov 3: 12
      1. Those whom He loves He reproves
   2. Heb 12: 5-11
      1. Question…..”Is discipline joyful?
      2. No!!!.....sometimes it is downright painful
   3. Why would God discipline us?
      1. Because of the rewards of disobedience
4. **Lust** – to have an intense desire or need: “But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart” ([Matthew 5:28](https://ebible.com/query?utf=8%E2%9C%93&query=Matthew%205%3A28&translation=ESV&redirect_iframe=https://www.AllAboutGOD.com/bible.htm)).
5. **Gluttony** – excess in eating and drinking: “for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags” ([Proverbs 23:21](https://ebible.com/query?utf=8%E2%9C%93&query=Proverbs%2023%3A21&translation=ESV&redirect_iframe=https://www.AllAboutGOD.com/bible.htm)).
6. **Greed** - excessive or reprehensible acquisitiveness: “Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more” ([Ephesians 4:19](https://ebible.com/query?utf=8%E2%9C%93&query=Ephesians%204%3A19&translation=ESV&redirect_iframe=https://www.AllAboutGOD.com/bible.htm)).
7. **Laziness** – disinclined to activity or exertion: not energetic or vigorous: “The way of the sluggard is blocked with thorns, but the path of the upright is a highway” ([Proverbs 15:19](https://ebible.com/query?utf=8%E2%9C%93&query=Proverbs%2015%3A19&translation=ESV&redirect_iframe=https://www.AllAboutGOD.com/bible.htm)).
8. **Wrath** – strong vengeful anger or indignation: “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” ([Proverbs 15:1](https://ebible.com/query?utf=8%E2%9C%93&query=Proverbs%2015%3A1&translation=ESV&redirect_iframe=https://www.AllAboutGOD.com/bible.htm))
9. **Envy** – painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage: “Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation” ([1 Peter 2:1-2](https://ebible.com/query?utf=8%E2%9C%93&query=1%20Peter%202%3A1-2&translation=ESV&redirect_iframe=https://www.AllAboutGOD.com/bible.htm)).
10. **Pride** - quality or state of being proud – inordinate self esteem: “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall” ([Proverbs 16:18](https://ebible.com/query?utf=8%E2%9C%93&query=Proverbs%2016%3A18&translation=ESV&redirect_iframe=https://www.AllAboutGOD.com/bible.htm)).

**What are the seven detestable sins according to the Bible?**  
“There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers” ([Proverbs 6:16-19](https://ebible.com/query?utf=8%E2%9C%93&query=Proverbs%206%3A16-19&translation=ESV&redirect_iframe=https://www.AllAboutGOD.com/bible.htm)).

1. Proverbs 6: 20-27
   1. When you are awake
   2. When you sleep
      1. Prov 10: 1
      2. Prov 10: 13
      3. Prov 12: 1
      4. Prov 13: 1
      5. Prov 13: 24
      6. Prov 19: 18
      7. Prov 22: 15
      8. Prov 23: 13-14
      9. Prov 29: 15
      10. Prov 29: 17

Training of children in this day and age is an art form. As a Christian parent there are so many influences trying to destroy your children that without direction from God’s Word it would be utterly futile to raise them.

Let God’s Word teach you as you teach them.