



**“God’s Desire for Our Family Relationships”
Ephesians 5:18-33**

God Desires the Family to be a Place of Connection (Ephesians 5:18)

- A. A Place of Connection Spiritually
“...but be filled with the Spirit” vs. 18

- B. A Place of Connection to Jesus Christ

- C. A Place of Connection Deepened by the Holy Spirit
“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit...”
(Ephesians 5:18)

God Desires the Family to be a Place of Commitment (Ephesians 5:22-27)

- A. A Commitment to Living our the Scriptures in Our Lives
 - 1. To following the principles of Scripture

 - 2. To prove the principles of Scripture in real life situations

- B. A Commitment to the Marital Relationship

God Desires the Family to be a Place of Christ-Like Love (Ephesians 5:25)

- A. A Love That Is Self-Sacrificial

- B. A Love That Values
- C. A Love That Lays Down Its Life
- D. A Love That Serves Those It Values

God Desires the Family to be a Place of Acceptance (Ephesians 5:28-30)

- A. Learning To Delight In The Value Of Your Spouse
- B. Learning To Delight In The Value Of Your Children

Conclusion:

What are you doing to...

- A. Connect closer to God?
- B. Grow in your commitment?
- C. Learn to love as God loves us?
- D. Accept one another as God accepts us?

Discussion Questions:

1. How is your marriage and family being affected by your relationship to God? (Both positively and negatively)
2. How do you see the Scriptures helping you to have a better marriage?... better parenting skills? What Scriptural principle can you put into practice this week that would improve your marriage?
3. What better ways can you show your spouse Christ-like love this week?
4. In what ways can you show that you accept your spouse as God's gift to you? What practical steps can you take this week to show your spouse your acceptance of them?
5. Christ-like love values others. How can you value in a deeper way your spouse? Children? Friends?