

Review:

Did you gain any insights as you read through Genesis 31-41?

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

***Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.
Instead, be filled with the Spirit.***
Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

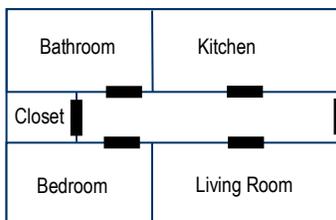
What happens when one is “filled” with alcohol?

What does it mean to be “filled” with the Holy Spirit?

How does one become “filled” with the Holy Spirit?

Who is on the THRONE of your life?

The House Illustration





What are some areas of our life we might keep closed off to the Holy Spirit?

What are some of the results of being “filled” with the Spirit?

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Why are these traits called “fruits of the Spirit”?

If you could experience one of these traits right now, which one would you like to experience most?

What do you think is the key to experiencing this fruit in your life?

LIVING THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

How might we relate to others if we are filled with the Holy Spirit?

Look at the remainder of the Ephesians 5 passage.
Underline what the Spirit-filled person starts doing.

Ephesians 5:18-21 (NLT)

¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.



Why do you think singing worship songs tops the list?

Why would we give thanks for *everything*?

What does it mean to submit to one another?

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Give some examples of how you think Jesus modeled the Spirit-filled life?

Read the following verses and discuss how Jesus modeled the Spirit-filled life.

Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

John 12:49 (NIV)

For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it.

John 14:31 (NIV)

but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.



Galatians 5:25 (NIV)

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

How can we live in step with the Spirit tomorrow? How can we live the Spirit-filled life?

1) We need to be _____

2) We need to be _____

3) We need to take seriously _____

4) We need to obey the _____

If it is from God it will:

a) Be in complete harmony with God's _____

b) Be a continuation of the _____

c) Bring _____

d) Require a _____

Sample Morning Prayer

“Father, I hand over control of my life to you today. It is yours to do with whatever you wish. Help me to recognize and follow your Spirit’s leading, both in what I say and in what I do. I will trust that whatever circumstances I experience, you have allowed to come my way for your purposes. I will choose to be thankful at all times, knowing you love me and are watching over me. May I simply live in a way that is pleasing to you and may I represent you well today.”

HOME STUDY:

Read: Genesis 42-50