

SPIRIT-FILLED FAMILY MEMBERS: EACH FOR THE OTHER
Ephesians 5:18 - 6:4 (Part 2 - "Respectful and Responsible Love")

Healthy, Enduring Families Are Realistic, Respectful, and Responsible

Spirit-filled Family Members Are Respectful - Eph 4:2,3,29

- They exhibit a loving attentiveness to one another - Phil 2:3,4; Eph 5:22,25; 6:2,4
 - ...they are willing to learn each other's "story" - Ja 1:19
- 3 Skills that demonstrate respect:
 - ...Affirmation (without flattery) - Eph 4:29; Ro 12:10; 14:19; II Cor 13:10
 - ...Listening (without being defensive) - Prov 18:13; Ja 1:19
 - ...Receiving thoughts and feelings (without attacking) - Heb 4:15
- Parents and children:
 - ...Parents: disrespect is counterproductive to nurturing a child -Eph 6:4
 - ...Children: respect and honor will always enrich you in the long run - Eph 6:2,3

Spirit-filled Family Members Are Responsible - Eph 3:17; 4:26, 31-32; 5:5,21; Ro 12:18

- Responsible family members focus on being godly more than trying to change one another - Eph 5:1-2
 - ...They saturate the air with faithful expressions of God's love - I Cor 13:4-8; Ro 12:9-21
 - ..."God's love... in me... for you... will never die!"
- Responsible love must be demonstrated - Ro 5:8
 - ...fueled by the steadfast love of God Himself - I Jo 4:8; Lam 3:21-23
 - ...a demonstration of each for the other - I Jo 3:16-18
- Making God's love visible:
 - ...God designed, responsible ways:
 - = Spirit-filled femaleness will submissively love - Eph 5:22; I Pet 3:4
 - = Spirit-filled maleness will sacrificially love - Eph 5:25; I Pet 3:7
 - = Spirit-filled children will obediently love - Eph 6:1; Prov 6:20-23
 - = Spirit-filled parents will nourishingly love - Eph 6:4; Deut 6:4-9
 - ..."Customized" ways: personalized, concretized, particularized expressions - Matt 5:41
 - = "I feel loved when _____"
 - = "Love my _____ as me!" - Ro 12:1,2