

# The Power for Marriage

*Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

**Only when you learn to serve others by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit will you have the power to face the challenges that come in a marriage relationship.**

**Being filled with the Spirit is to live a life of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Eph 5:19-20 Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**The attention from our heart and the focus of our song and thanks is on \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Pauls assumptions: Two people aware of their own \_\_\_\_\_ and value.**

**Spirit-filling is not constant or \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Eph 5:22-25 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her*

**Each spouse is given a \_\_\_\_\_ and call to sacrifice. Basic principle of Christian living.**

*Phil 2:3-5 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Our attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus*

*Romans 15:2-3 Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself*

*Gal 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.*

**Barrier to service: \_\_\_\_\_**

**When God is your \_\_\_\_\_ and you are led by His Spirit, then that fullness frees you to be generous with others.**

**The opposite of self-centeredness: \_\_\_\_\_**

*1 Cor 13:4-5 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

**We were created to worship God and to \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Matt 16:25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.*

**If you seek happiness \_\_\_\_\_ than you seek God, you'll have \_\_\_\_\_.**

**If you seek to \_\_\_\_\_ God more than your own happiness, you'll have \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Another obstacle to serving: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Our wounds cause us to be \_\_\_\_\_ to see the self-centeredness of others and \_\_\_\_\_ to see it in ourselves.**

*2 Cor 5:15-16 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.*

*Matt 22:37-40 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

**The solution: see your own selfishness as a fundamental \_\_\_\_\_ and treat it with far more seriousness than your spouse's selfishness.**

**Why submit and serve? Out of \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ.**

**Reverence = \_\_\_\_\_ = Being overwhelmed with wonder and awe**

*2 Cor 5:14 For Christ's love compels us....*

**Overwhelming awe of God's love should be what \_\_\_\_\_ you.**

**Being filled with the Spirit and having a fear of God takes the focus off of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.*