

18 *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,*
19 *addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,* **20** *giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,* **21** ***submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.***—Ephesians 5:18–21

Context

1. **Walk:** in love (v. 2), as children of light (v. 8), carefully & wisely (v. 15)

2. **This is God's will:**

(–) Do not get drunk with alcohol

(+) Be filled with the Spirit: fellowship, worship, gratitude, submission

Submitting

1. Is _____ and evidence of being filled with His Spirit

2. is _____, not unilateral

3. is motivated out of _____.

Caveats:

in authority: allow freedom in preferences, use with loving firmness

under authority: submit within threshold of God's Word in a way that gives joy

Hebrews 13:17

My reflection and obedience to God's Word:

- Who do I willingly submit to? Reluctantly? What might be the reason?
- How much of my submission is rooted in the person's worth vs. Christ's?
- I will "look carefully" at my attitude to root out pride and disobedience.
- In what specific way(s) will I adjust my authority style?
- On a scale of 1-10 (10 best), how would I rate my relationships with others being filled with His Spirit in fellowship, worship, gratitude, and submission?
- How can I make mutual submission a more integral part of my daily walk?
- Is God leading you to reconcile with a family member? Friend? Coworker?