

PART OF SOMETHING BIG



BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT A NOT POPULAR EXPRESSION

EPHESIANS 6:1-4









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Ephesians 4:1-3

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to <u>walk in a</u> <u>manner worthy of the calling</u> to which you have been called, ² with all <u>humility</u> and <u>gentleness</u>, with <u>patience</u>, <u>bearing with</u> <u>one another in love</u>, ³ <u>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit</u> in the bond of peace.



Ephesians 5:15-21

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- 3) Slaves with Masters



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Mark 9:33-35

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and <u>servant of all</u>."



Jesus' Upside-Down leadership:

Mark 10:42-45

⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you **must be your servant**, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the **Son of Man came not to be served but to** serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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- 3) More joy than we expected.



Our greatest hope: That all our kids, their spouses and grandkids would treasure Jesus.





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- Relax and trust God.





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