

# Ephesians Series

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# Submitting to One Another

## Ephesians 5:21



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**Ephesians 4:1–6:9**  
**How the Believer is to Live Life**  
**The Five Walking Commands**

**Walk as Wise (Ephesians 5:15–6:9)**

**Eph. 5:15, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,”**

**Commanded to be filled by means of the Spirit (Eph. 5:18)  
resulting in:**

- **Emphasis on worship through singing (Eph. 5:19);**
- **Gratitude to God for all things (Eph. 5:20);**
- **Mutual submission to live in harmony (Eph. 5:21);**
- **Family life (Eph. 5:22–6:9)**

Eph. 5:15, “**See** then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,

Eph. 5:16, “[by] redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Eph. 5:17, “Therefore **do not be** unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

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**πληρόω *plēroō***  
**2 plur pres**  
**pass impera**  
**to fill; fulfill**

**ἐν πνεύματι,**  
***en pneumati,***  
**dative,**  
**means, “by**  
**means of**  
**the Spirit”**

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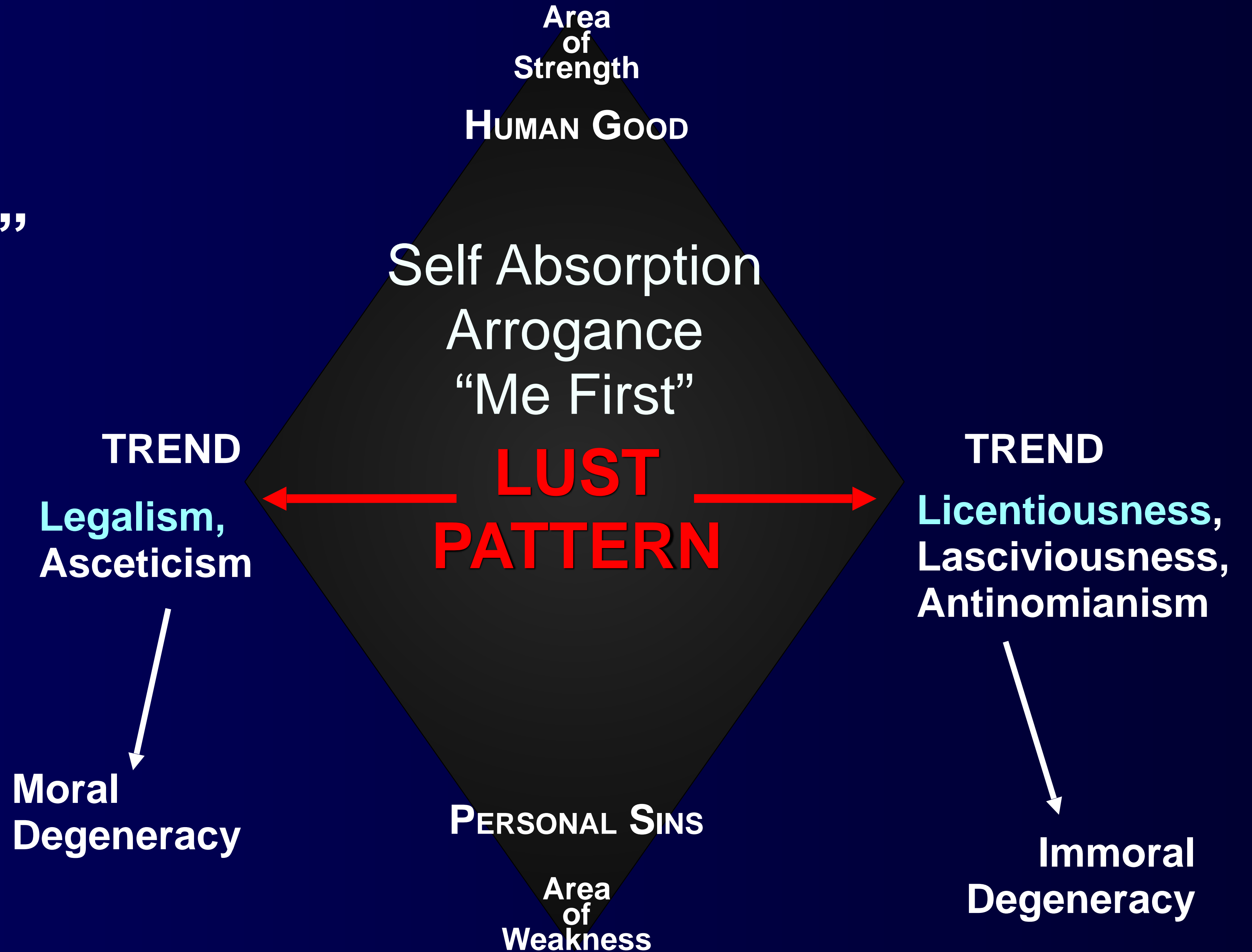
**Eph. 5:19, “with the result that you are speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,**

**Eph. 5:20, “with the result that you are giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

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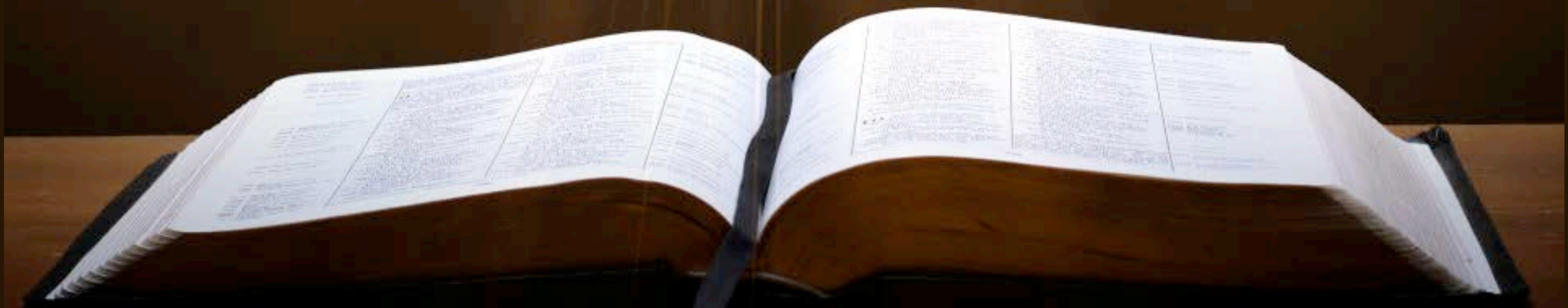
**1. Submission**

**2. One another**

**3. What does “fear of God” have to do with it?**

# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **Fear of the Lord**



# **1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**

**Prov. 1:7, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”**

**Prov. 1:27, “When your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.**

**Prov. 1:28, “Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.**

**Prov. 1:29, “Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,”**

**Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”**

**Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”**

**Eph. 6:1, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”**

**Eph. 6:4, “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”**

**Eph. 6:5, “Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;”**

**2. The fear of the Lord leads to obeying the Lord.**

**Gen. 22:12, “And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.’ ”**

**Lev. 19:14, “You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the LORD.”**

**Lev. 19:32, “You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD.”**

**Deut. 5:29, “Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!”**



**Deut. 6:2, “that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.”**

### **3. Obeying the Lord involves shunning evil.**

**Job 1:1, “There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.”**

**Job 1:8, “Then the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?’ ”**

**Job 2:3, “Then the LORD said to Satan, ‘Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?’ ”**

**Ex. 18:21, “Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.”**

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**Deut. 10:12, “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,**

**Deut. 10:13, “and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?”**

**4. Fearing God describes a deep respect and awe of who God is and what He can do.**

**Acts 9:31, “Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.”**

## **5. Fearing God is related to humility.**

**Prov. 22:4, “By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life.”**

**Similar verses in the Old Testament.**

**Php. 2:5**, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

**Php. 2:6**, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

**Php. 2:7**, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

**Php. 2:8**, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

**Php. 2:9**, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

**Php. 2:10**, “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

**Php. 2:11**, “and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”



**6. Fear of the Lord means that someone in authority will not abuse that authority.**

**Lev. 25:17, “Therefore you shall not oppress one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the LORD your God.”**

**Lev. 25:43, “You shall not rule over him with rigor, but you shall fear your God.”**