

Ephesians Series

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Spiritual Skills:

Delighting in God's Word

Romans 12:2; Psalm 1; 119:9–16; John 17:17



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Deut. 6:5, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Deut. 6:6, “ ‘And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.’ ”

Psa. 119:11, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

Eph. 4:26, “ ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

Eph. 4:27, “nor give place to the devil.” [NKJV]

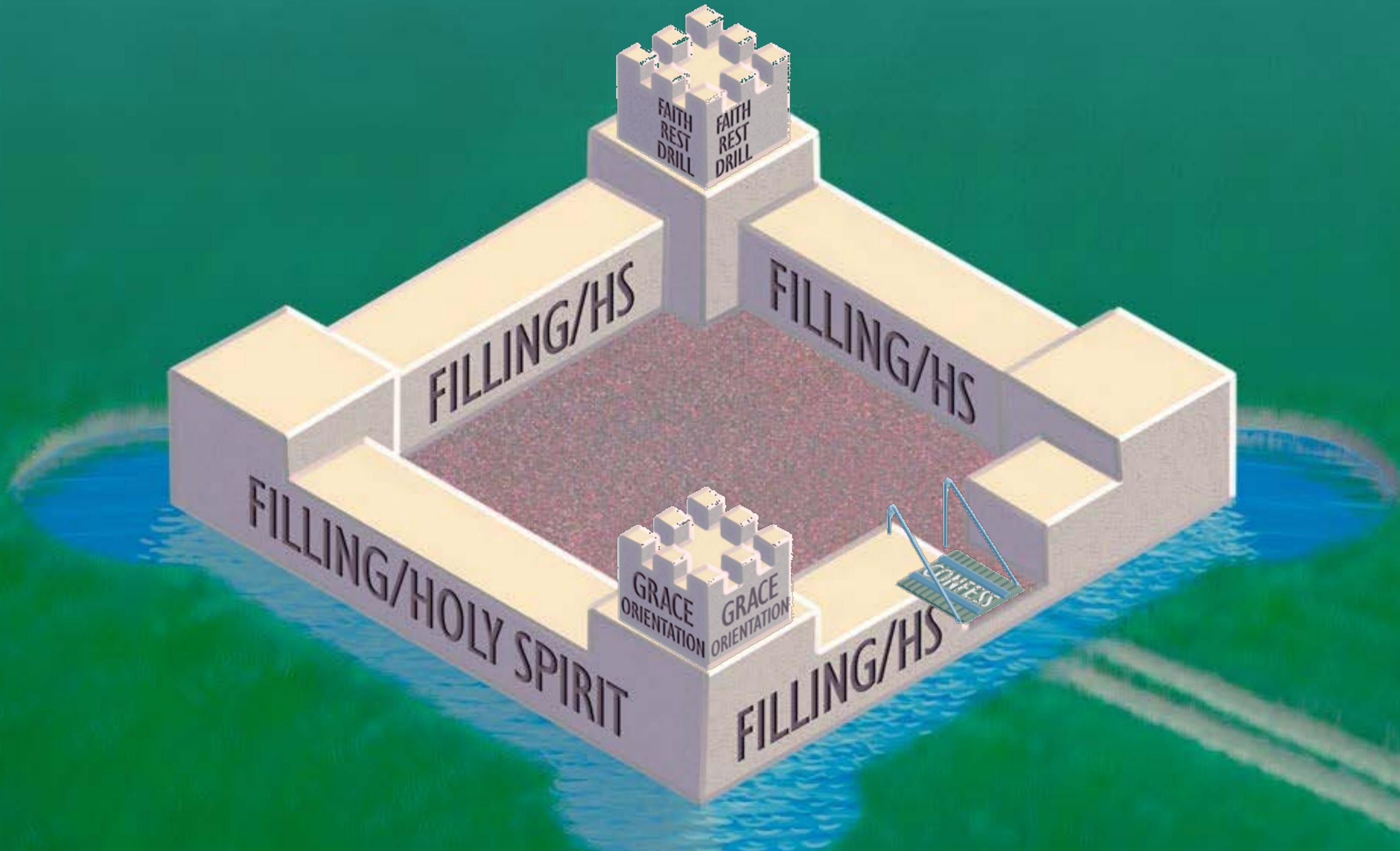
What we will see:

- **Prioritizing Scripture: Delighting in God's Word**
- **The results of delighting in God's Word, Psa. 1:1–6**
- **The evidence of delighting in God's Word, Psa. 119:9**
- **The means for spiritual growth, John 17:17**
- **The transformation process of spiritual growth, Rom. 12:2**

What the Bible Teaches About

**Spiritual Skills for
LIFE**





FAITH
REST
DRILL

FILLING/HS

FILLING/HS

FILLING/HOLY SPIRIT

GRACE
ORIENTATION

FILLING/HS

CONFESS

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Acts 2:42, “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, that is in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

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2 Tim. 4:2, “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

Titus 1:9, “holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.”

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Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Eph. 4:13, “till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Eph. 4:14, “that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,”

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2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine [teaching], for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

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Modern War Institute:

“According to the old FM 3-0, doctrine consists of a) fundamental principles, b) tactics, techniques, and procedures, and c) terms and symbols.”

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Matt. 4:4, “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” ’ ”

Deut. 8:3, “So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.”

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Matt. 4:3, “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’”

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- **Aligning our thinking to the reality of God's Word, creation, and plan.**
- **The teaching of God's Word must become a way of life, not just something else we do.**
- **The teaching of God's Word includes the entire realm of Biblical teaching, from the abstract to the intensely practical.**
- **God's Word teaches us how to think, how to react, how to problem solve, how to prioritize, how to relate to the world, the systems, the people, and the circumstances of life.**

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2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow [by means of] the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

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Matt. 7:24, “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

Matt. 7:25, “and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.”

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Matt. 7:26, “ ‘But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:

Matt. 7:27, “ ‘and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.’

Matt. 7:28, “And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,

Matt. 7:29, “for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

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

Prov. 1:30, “They would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke.

Prov. 1:31, “Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies [plans, counsel].

Prov. 1:32, “For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

Prov. 1:33, “But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, and will be secure, without fear of evil.”

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Psa. 1:2, “But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

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יָפֵס (hāpēs) I, take delight in, be pleased with, desire

**הָגָה (hāgâ) I, utter, mutter, moan (mourn ~KJV),
meditate, devise, plot**

Psa. 119:9, “How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

Psa. 119:10, “With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

Psa. 119:11, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

Psa. 119:12, “Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.

Psa. 119:13, “With my lips I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth.

Psa. 119:14, “I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches.”

**Psa. 119:15, “I will meditate on Your precepts,
And contemplate Your ways.**

**Psa. 119:16, “I will delight myself in Your statutes;
I will not forget Your word.”**

John 17:15, “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

John 17:16, “They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

John 17:18, “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

John 17:19, “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”

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ἁγιάζω *hagiazō* 2 sing aor act impera to sanctify, to set apart for service to God

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Rom. 12:1, “I exhort [challenge] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy [set apart], acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. [RD]

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be pressured to conform to the thinking, talking, and actions of those in the pagan way of life around you, but be transformed by the renovation of your thinking, that you may demonstrate that God’s will is good and acceptable and complete.” [RD]