**Men of Grace**

*Eph 5:15-6:4*

3 characteristics of a man who exemplifies grace by living and leading well

**I. He exemplifies sanctification**

A. He walks carefully as a wise man

**Ephesians 5:15-16**—*Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.*

B. He is filled with the Spirit

**Ephesians 5:18-19**—*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord…*

**1 John 4:4**—*You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*

C. He gives thanks for all things

**Ephesians 5:20-21**—…*always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.*

D. He loves his wife just as Christ does His bride

**Ephesians 5:25-26**—*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word…*

E. He has been rescued from darkness and transferred to the kingdom

**Colossians 1:13-14**—*For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

F. He is growing in grace (progressive sanctification).

**John 13:10**—*Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet…”*

G. He models biblical truths to his family

**II. He exemplifies obedience**

**Ephesians 6:1-2**—*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

A. His goal is to help others

**Ephesians 6:4**—*Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up*

**Philippians 2:5-8**—*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

**Luke 22:41-42**—*And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”*

B. He uses twin “parenting tools”

**Ephesians 6:4**—*Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

C. He fosters a grace filled environment

**Hebrews 4:16**—*Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**Hebrews 5:8**—*Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.*

**Hebrews 4:15**—*For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.*

**III. He exemplifies honor**

**Ephesians 6:1-3**—*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your Father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.*

A. He respects God given authority

B. He encourages the family to do the same