

Spirit (Acts 13:52; Eph. 5:18).

The filling of the Spirit is the mental attitude state of the believer that has no unacknowledged sin in his stream of consciousness and is applying the Word of God in his thinking. The imperative mood indicates that this is a command by the apostle Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This is a customary present indicating that Paul wants the Ephesian believers to be habitually influenced, empowered and guided by the Spirit. This is a rare permissive passive meaning that the subject is to permit the Spirit to influence the believer's soul.

This command is necessary because of the old sin nature. It is necessary because we can lose the filling of the Spirit or our fellowship with God in time. We are empowered, influenced and guided by the Spirit or the old sin nature. Spirituality is an absolute principle.

Rebound demands self-examination. When we deal with self-examination, we are dealing with the conscience.

The conscience is a part of the soul. The soul contains the following: (1) Conscience (2) Self-conscience (3) Mentality (4) Emotion (5) Volition.

We either judge ourselves or God will discipline us.

**1 Cor 11:28-32, "But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world."**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> class conditional "if" clause in verse 31 indicates the Corinthian believers were not judging themselves or examining themselves for any known sins. This had devastating effects on the Corinthian churches. They were dishonoring the Lord's