

KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

DON'T YOU KNOW!

ATTENTION:

- "Don't you know" is more a statement than a question.
 - "You should know this"
 - "You must know this in order to understand what I am saying."
 - "You must know this in order to do what you should do."
Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God?
1 Corinthians 6:19

ATTUNE:

- Every Christian is indwelt by the Holy Spirit!
 - The infinite, eternal, divine Holy Spirit within the believer!
 - Our life of joys, sorrows, temptations and trials produce a variety of reactions in us and often without even a thought of God is in me.
 - This Spirit is pleased or grieved by our thoughts, words, actions, etc.
 - ...within us - a divine Helper, ready to respond with/for us.
- The believer's body has been bought, paid for and filled by God!

Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.
1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- The unimaginable God takes a place in every redeemed heart, declaring, *Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.*
The Holy Spirit indwells every Christian from the moment of conversion.
⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him.
Romans 8:9

BODY: The Holy Spirit is in us to do something we can impede!

- **GRIEVE** The Holy Spirit

(This week - look at one side of the coin and next week the other.)

TRANSITION:

- The NT gives notice that in spite of who the Holy Spirit is, we can and do work against Him.
 - 3 passages describe this interference with different imagery
 - Grieving
 - Resisting
 - Quenching
 - It's foolish to forget the Spirit is within us!
 - Living without regard for the gratitude, love and the dire need we have for Him!

...put on the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.

*²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin. Don't let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and don't give the devil an opportunity. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal. Instead, he is to do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ No foul language should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And **don't grieve God's Holy Spirit**. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice. ³² And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.*

Ephesians 4:24-32

- This opens for all to see the heart of the Divine Holy Spirit.
 - Revealing that God grieves the disregard of His children!
 - ...by the disrespect and defiance of believers.
 - Our infinite, all-powerful Divine Dweller is offended, injured and wounded by the indifference of those for whom He is preparing a place in Heaven.
 - The Holy Spirit's love for us – like Christ's love – is such that he feels our surrender as well as our refusal.

The spirit he made to dwell in us envies intensely?

James 4:4-5 (Ex 34:14 God's name is jealous)

- If only we would remain acutely aware of the Spirit's sufferings over us.
 - What a difference it would make if we lived highly concerned that we bring joy not grief to the Holy Spirit by our daily lives.
- So how do we grieve the Holy Spirit? (Put Eph. 4 on screen)
- The call to not *[grieve the Holy Spirit \(Eph. 4\)](#)* is made in the context of holy living
 - We grieve the Holy Spirit by:
 - Ignoring the conscience the Spirit stirs.
 - ⊙ Failing to respond to that sense that says I need to check what I am about to say or do.
 - ⊙ If we ignore these promptings and go ahead without concern they will soon stop and conscience will become dormant = we will move on alone and free from the Spirit's irritation.
 - Living in the Spirit has to do with our openness, willingness and desire to live spiritually alert and sold out to God's.
 - Making spiritual observations, asking spiritual questions, etc.

• RESIST The Holy Spirit

- To resist the Holy Spirit is to lose divine assistance!
 - guidance, strength, support, encouragement, etc.
 - Self-Destruction - Spiritual Sabotage!
 - **SO WHY DO WE DO IT?**
- Stephen, the believer martyred in Jerusalem ([Acts 7](#)) said of the self-righteous Jews who had crucified Jesus...

⁵¹ *[“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!](#)*

- Original: *resist* - to fall against, such as when one puts their shoulder against a door stop it from opening.
 - To resist is to oppose the Holy Spirit.

- We may know what is right, and yet put our entire weight against the door of obedience
- Resisting God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit who acts within
- Who is our infinitely kind and glorious Guardian of our restored soul.

○ So Why Do We Do It?

- Someway we fact that it is the divine Spirit's guiding and urging we are resisting - hold the door against
- Shut out His prompting/urging, for the things of God!

• QUENCH The Holy Spirit

[Do not quench the Spirit](#)
1 Thessalonians 5.19

- The Holy Spirit's work is pictured here as a flame of holy conviction, zeal and warmth generated within us!
 - To Quench the Spirit = douse it before it burns through the shell on a hard heart!
 - His stirrings/motivations are ignored - replaced with another.
 - This believer may remain faithful in doctrine, but no longer moved to serve.
 - The flame/fire of love and zeal for the Lord, Truth, and lost souls is cooled and snuffed out.
 - Consider what would have been the result of the result of quenching these motivations listed in the following passage:

¹¹ *[See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.](#)*

2 Corinthians 7:11

PROJECT:

- How can we resist the working of the Holy Spirit as Christians?
 - Simply by ignoring that it's the Holy Spirit of God who is the author of God within us.
 - A Divine Resident who ignites dying embers of spiritual will!

PRAYER: