



Session # 4:
“Don’t Put Out the Holy Spirit’s Fire!”
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Review: 4 New Testament Verbs about the Holy Spirit:

- 1) Be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit!
- 2) Don’t quench the Holy Spirit!
- 3) Keep in step with the Holy Spirit!
- 4) Don’t grieve the Holy Spirit!

1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 *“Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.”*

Don’t Quench the Holy Spirit – Work with not Against the Holy Spirit!

5 Ways We Quench the Holy Spirit:

1) We fill our lives with the junk food and drink of this world.
2 Corinthians 7:1, *“Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”*

2) We ignore the Holy Spirit’s leading in our behaviors.
1 Corinthians 3:1-3, *“Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?”*

3) We resist the call of the Holy Spirit for each day’s decisions.
Galatians 3:2-3, *“I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?”*

4) We minimize the work the Holy Spirit can do with us.

Revelation 3:15-16, *"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of My mouth."*

5) We neglect the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our ministry and churches.

1 Timothy 4:14, *"Do not neglect your spiritual gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you."*

Questions:

- What types of activities or pursuits too readily distract or tempt you from following the will of the Holy Spirit for your life?
- How can we best seek the Holy Spirit's help in making small to large decisions?
- Do you have difficulty with change; with resisting trying new ways of doing things that might be what the Holy Spirit wants you to do?
- Where in your life is it easier to do what you think is best rather than to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you know your spiritual gift so that the Holy Spirit can empower ministry through you?

Pray for each other about what you have shared together to end your time.