

sermon notes

June 19, 2022 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Verse By Verse Fellowship
Kingdom Called | “Showing the Spirit” | 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Three commands concerning the Spirit:

1. _____ the Spirit without _____
(5:19)
2. _____ prophecies without _____
(5:20-21a)
3. _____ to what is good without _____
(5:21b-22)

Five ways we quench the Holy Spirit:

- 1) We _____ more about what the world thinks than what God thinks
- 2) We _____ the clear commands of Scripture
- 3) We _____ loving the things that God loves
- 4) We _____ doubts, anxiety, negativity, and fear in our hearts
- 5) We _____ the prompting of the Holy Spirit

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22. How does a believer receive the Holy Spirit? When does the Holy Spirit indwell a believer? Does the Holy Spirit indwell all believers? If a Christian can quench the Spirit (1 Thess 5:19) and grieve the Spirit (Eph 4:30), can a Christian lose the Holy Spirit’s indwelling?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 and 1 Corinthians 14:1. Why should we not despise prophecies? Do you have the gift of prophecy? If not, should you seek it? Are you willing to be edified by another person’s use of it?

Why does God give us the gifts of the Spirit? What are some ways that God uses the gift of the Holy Spirit to edify the church? How does the gift of prophecy differ from the gift of teaching? What about the gift of exhortation? Is the person who uses the gift of prophecy infallible? Why or why not? How does this compare to the other gifts of the Holy Spirit?

GET PERSONAL

How does a believer quench the Spirit? How do you, as a believer, kindle (“fan into flame”) the work of the Spirit instead? How can a church kindle the work of the Spirit among fellow believers?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Do your best to identify at least one of your spiritual gifts (e.g., service, leadership, teaching, mercy, exhortation, hospitality). How are you using that gift now for the edification of the church? How might God use that gift of yours profitably in the future to build his Kingdom?

Let’s say, hypothetically, that you do have a prophecy for another person in the church. How would you approach that person? Would you come to them and say, “Thus says the LORD!” Why or why not? What dangers exist in using this gift (or any gift) without humility and love for your brother or sister-in-Christ (See 1 Cor 13:1-5)?

ADVANCED QUESTION

How is prophecy in the OT similar and dissimilar from prophecy in the NT church? Is prophecy primarily fore-telling or forth-telling? Can NT prophets make mistakes or are they subject to the judgment of Deuteronomy 13:1-5 and 18:20?

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Read the following article by John MacArthur:

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B140312/prophecy-redefined>. Now listen to the podcast by John Piper on this topic: <https://soundcloud.com/askpastorjohn/what-is-prophecy-today-episode>. Which pastor’s view on this topic do you agree with? Why do these pastors disagree? Is it okay that they disagree?