

QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT

During the series entitled, Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled, we picked several present imperatives (commands) from Paul closing challenge “to the church of the Thessalonians” (1 Thess.1:1)

You will recall that Paul listed 16 present imperatives in (1 Thess.5:13-25). When you examine the 16 present imperatives, you discover four negative commands.

- Do not repay evil for evil (1 Thess.5:15)
- **Do not quench (the Spirit)** (1 Thess.5:19)
- Do not despise prophetic utterances (1 Thess.5:20)
- Abstain from every form of evil (1 Thess.5:22)

This lesson will study three aspects of Do not Quench the Spirit.

1. (1 Thess.5:19) is part of one Greek sentence. (1 Thess.5:19-22)

- (5:19) ends in comma
- (5:20) and (5:21) both end with semi-colon
- (5:22) ends with the period

There are five Present Imperatives (commands) in this one Greek sentence:

- **Three are negatives:**
 - (5:19) do not quench
 - (5:20) do not despise
 - (5:22) abstain
- **Two are positives:**
 - (5:21) examine
 - (5:21) hold fast

In (1 Thess.5:19), “do not quench the Spirit,” ends with comma which connects it with “do not despise prophetic utterances” that ends in semicolon (1 Thess.5:20). This connects them with The Holy Spirit’s ministry of Spiritual Gifts in the church.

2. The Greek word for quench is sbennumi, which means “to put out a fire”.

In (**Acts 2:3-4**), the Holy Spirit is introduced as FIRE when Jesus baptized the 120 Jewish believers with the Spirit at the Jewish feast of Pentecost while Seated In Session at the right hand of God in (Acts 1:3-5, 15; 2:1, 33/ Matt.3:11).

Do not Quench the Spirit is putting out the FIRE of the Indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit.

3. We will study eight ways to NOT Quench the Spirit.

- **Walking by The Spirit and NOT in the flesh**

(**Gal.5:16-17**) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

(**Gal.5:25**) If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

- **Led by Spirit NOT the flesh**

(Gal.5:17-18) For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

- **Praying in The Spirit and NOT in the flesh**

(Rom.8:26-27) In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

(Ps.66:18) If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear

(1 John 1:9) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- **Comforted by The Spirit and NOT by the flesh**

(John 14:1) “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.

(John 14:16) “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever

(John 14:18) “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

(John 14:27) “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do, I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

(John 16:33) “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

- **Teaching and recall by The Spirit and by NOT the flesh**

(John 14:17) “*that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

(John 14:26-27) But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do, I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

(John 15:26-27) “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,²⁷ and you *will* testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

- **Conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment by The Spirit and NOT by the flesh**

(John 16:7-11) But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.⁸ And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;¹⁰ and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;¹¹ and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

- **Guide and disclose all truth by The Spirit NOT by the flesh**

(John 16:13) But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

- **Spiritually Gifted ministries by The Spirit NOT by the flesh**

(1 Cor. 1:7) “so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ”

(1 Cor. 1:10) “Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment”.

(1 Cor. 12:25) “so that there may be no division in the body, but *that* the members may have the same care for one another”.

(1 Cor.12:7) “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good”.

(1 Cor.12:11) “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills”.