

Grieve Not The Holy Spirit

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Text

Ephesians 4:28-32

Objective

1. To teach them the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
2. To help develop Godly characters.
3. To help understand that we can grieve and quench the Holy Spirit.

Introduction:

Who is Holy Spirit? A person; Third person of the trinity; God (Matthew 3: 16-17)
Christians who love Jesus Christ and obey His commandments, will be assured that the Holy Spirit is upon Him (Christian) and will never leave Him (John 14:15-16).
Define Grieve – To mourn or sorrow for, distress, grief, great sadness.
We grieve the Holy Spirit by all the known Sins that we do

Lessons:

Characters that grieve the Holy Spirit

- Stealing (v 28)
- Corrupt communication (v29)
- Bitterness, Wrath, Anger, Clamour
- Evil Speaking and Malice (v31)

Characters that pleases the Holy Spirit

- Work with hands on good things (v28)
- Good communication that edify the church (v29)
- Kind, Tenderhearted & Forgiving (v32)

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Vices (Neglecting God & Others)

- Galatians 5:19-21
- 1 Corinthians 6: 8-10)
- Lust (Colossians 3:5)
- Murder , Lying (Revelation 22:12-16)
- Arrogance (2 Corinthians 12:20)
- Greed (Ephesians 5:5)

Virtues (The by-products of Living for God)

- Galatians 5 : 22-23
- He is the Spirit of Truth

Results in grieving the Holy Spirit

- No Blessing
- Unprotected/ defeated/fearful
- No joy
- Loss of assurance
- Control by Sinful nature leads to Death
- Loss Comfort and thus experience sorrow and pangs of conscience
- grief

Results in grieving not the Holy Spirit

- Fulfillment & Assurance of God's promises
- Blessings, Joy, Protection ,etc.
- Assurance/Guarantee as God Children
- Controlled by the Spirit of God leads to life and Peace (Romans 8: 8-9)
- Comfort ed, John 14:16
- Gives us the power we need to live the Christian life.

Illustration

Sealed cows / Sealed by Holy Sprit (Christians upon acceptance of Christ)
Mark of God / Mark of Satan

Conclusion

If you continue grieving the Holy Spirit, He will withdraw from us His gracious operation ,we will experience unassured ,the fellowship, anointing and the power that works in us will not be experience.