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Five Personal Resolutions

by Boyd Jennings

I Will Not THINK That!

“We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:5).

I Will Not SAY That!

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children... there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks” (Eph. 5:1, 4).

I Will Not DO That!

“He has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God” (Gen .39:9). “Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king’s choice food or with the wine which he drank” (Dan. 1:8). “Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you” (Eph. 5:3).

I Will Not GO There!

“Keep your way far from her [the adulteress] and do not go near the door of her house” (Prov. 5:8). “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers” (Psa. 1:1)!

I Will Not LOOK At That!

“I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin” (Job 31:1)? “I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not fasten its grip on me” (Psa. 101:3). “The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever” (1 John 2:17).

What Does It Mean To “Quench the Spirit”?

by Heath Rogers

Our question comes from First Thessalonians 5:19-20, which says, “Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies.” The “Spirit” of this text is the Holy Spirit. The Greek word rendered “quench” means “to extinguish.” Every time this word is used in the New Testament it refers to quenching a fire or things on fire (literally or metaphorically). As used in this verse, the word means “to quench, suppress, or stifle divine influence.” Why were these Christians warned against quenching or extinguishing the Holy Spirit? How can man quench the Holy Spirit?

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1 Thess. 5:19-20

This admonition was given during the time when the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit were being used. The Holy Spirit used individuals with these gifts to convey His Word to the church. In the absence of the written New Testament, the church depended upon these gifts for their guidance and edification. Apparently these inspired individuals, their messages, or both, were being despised or disregarded by some in the church. In doing so, they were, in a figurative sense, pouring water upon the fire that was guiding the church. They were quenching the Spirit when they suppressed, stifled, or ignored those who spoke by inspiration.



Although the age of the miraculous gifts of the Spirit has ended, the need for this admonition has not. The written words of the Holy Spirit can be suppressed and ignored today, just as the spoken words of inspired men were despised in the first century. When a church exchanges the simplicity of the Gospel for its own plans, politics, conventions, and creeds, the Spirit has been quenched. When a preacher is pressured into becoming an ear tickler (2 Timothy 4:2-4), the Spirit has been quenched. When gospel sermons, Scripture readings, and Bible studies are replaced with drama skits, comedy routines, puppet shows, political speeches, and musical reviews, the Spirit has been quenched.

Some people believe that the workings of the Holy Spirit are irresistible. This is not correct. The Spirit can be resisted. “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you” (Acts 7:51, see also Isaiah 63:10). The Holy Spirit is resisted when men will not listen to His word. “Yet for many years You had patience with them, and testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets. Yet they would not listen; therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands” (Nehemiah 9:30, emphasis mine - HR).

The Spirit works through His Word (Isaiah 55:10-11). Through it He pricks hearts (Acts 2:37, 7:54) and causes them to burn (Luke 24:32). A fire can be quenched by dousing it with water, covering it with dirt, or by removing its fuel. Whenever the Word of God is ignored, the Spirit has been quenched. We quench the Spirit today when we...

- Ignore the message of God’s love for us and continue to love the world (1 John 2:15-17).
- Ignore the sacrifice of Christ and continue to serve self (Matt. 16:24).
- Ignore the authority of Christ and continue to do what we want (Luke 6:46).
- Ignore the true Light and continue to walk in darkness (John 1:9).
- Ignore the riches of Heaven and continue to lay up treasures on earth (Matt. 6:19-21).
- Ignore the call to holiness and continue to walk in uncleanness (1 Thess. 4:7).
- Ignore the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:14) and continue to descend the path that leads to Hell (Matt. 7:13-14).

Do not quench the Spirit. If you know that you need to respond to the Gospel in faith and obedience, then do it! If you know that you need to repent of sin and start living right, then do it! Don’t put out the fire that the Spirit has lit in your heart.

**What Must
I Do To
Be Saved?**

- * **Believe** - John 8:24
- * **Repent** - Luke 13:3
- * **Confess** - Rom. 10:9-10
- * **Be Baptized** - Mark 16:16

- News About Us -

Our condolences to **Maxine Jackson**. Her sister, Wilma Moore, passed away on Tuesday.

"Tis the season" for a lot of traveling. We are thankful for the visitors that we have today, and hope you can come and be with us again. Let's pray for those of our number who are traveling to see loved ones.

This Wednesday night is **Singing Night**.

Just a reminder! Our **Spring Gospel Meeting** with **Mark Mayberry** has been scheduled for March 7-12.

Lord's Table for January

- Morning -

Center: **Frank Browne**
Maurice Glover
End: **Shane Siecko**
Chris Tindell

Evening: **James Hurt**
Jeremy Wilson

Serving Next Sunday January 3rd

- Morning -

Announcements: **Rick Dunham**
Song Leader: **Jake Akin**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Wilson**
Closing Prayer: **Robert Volkmer**

- Evening -

Announcements: **Rick Dunham**
Song Leader: **Jake Akin**
Opening Prayer: **Jim Frazier**
Closing Prayer: **Dick French**

Wednesday (Jan. 6th)

Song Leader: **Jake Akin**
Opening Prayer: **Tony Kubenka**
Closing Prayer: **Jerry Stacy**
Invitation: **Heath Rogers**

Remember our shut-ins:

Marie Wilkerson
Herman Villarreal
Jason Thompson
Tommy Smith
Claford Smith
Wayne Johnson
Stonewall Jackson

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- Sunday -

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning 10:30 AM
Evening 6:00 PM

- Wednesday -

Bible Study 7:30 PM

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