



United Community Church

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Two Opposing Forces at Work in You

1. The sin nature in me versus the Holy Spirit in me, Rom 8:9
 - It is an internal struggle between what you want & what God wants
 - You desire to live for the Lord but you yield to sin nature
2. The Holy Spirit in me versus Satan around me
 - The Holy Spirit works to mold me into the image of Christ so that I will have a closer relationship with Him and live for Him
 - Satan wants to keep that from happening

Three Groups of Christians

1. Spiritual Babies – infants in Christ, 1 Cor 3:1, Heb 5:11-14
Feelings easily hurt, little knowledge of the Bible, move from church to church when you don't get what you want, spend little time in prayer & the Bible, causes division in the church, things of God are not a priority.
2. Spiritually Immature – try to serve God in the flesh, Gal 3:3, Gal 4:6-10
Controlled by sin nature, cause division in the church (gossip, jealousy, fighting), question & refuse to follow leaders, lost your joy, get angry to those who speak the truth, try to win you to their agenda
3. Spiritually Mature – walk in the Spirit, Gal 5:22-26
You walk in the Spirit, you are controlled by the Spirit, practice spiritual disciplines (prayer and the Word), seeks and follows God's will, promote unity in the body, speak the Truth in love, disciples others, leads by example, seeks to build God's kingdom
See link to compare immature believers with mature believers:
<http://www.middletonbiblechurch.org/christia/mature.htm>

“Do not quench the Spirit” 1 Thessalonians 5:19

THINGS WE SHOULD DO TO “Not Quench the Holy Spirit”

- Encourage one another and build one another up (5:11)
- Respect those who labor among you and are over you (5:13)
- Rejoice always (5:16)
- Pray without ceasing (5:17)

- Give thanks in all circumstances (5:18)
- Let God sanctify you completely (5:23)

THINGS WE SHOULD NOT DO TO “Quench the Holy Spirit”

- See that no one repays anyone evil for evil (5:15)
- Test everything; hold fast to what is good (5:20-21)
- Abstain from every form of evil (5:22)

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30

- Walk worthy of your calling (4:1)
- Bear with one another in love (4:2)
- Maintain unity of the Spirit (4:3)
- Remember God is over all, through all, and in all (4:6)
- Everyone must do their part for the body to work properly (4:16)

What does it mean to grieve & Quench the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit cannot work on transforming your life IF YOU DON'T LET HIM WORK
- Scripture speaks of grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit. YOU CANNOT BE USED OF GOD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IF YOU GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND KEEP HIM FROM WORKING IN YOUR LIFE