

Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then
you are truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

1 Thessalonians 5:19

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The Believer's Guide for Life in the Lord's Church Part 5

Main Idea:

Through sinful living, Christians can hinder the work of the Holy Spirit in and through their lives. Beyond merely the recognition of this possibility, it is important for Believers to adopt a proactive strategy to cultivate the Spirit's ministry in daily living.

Outline:

1. Review of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit to and through Believers.
5 aspects of the Holy Spirit's ministry:
 - a) The Holy Spirit is instrumental in the salvation of Believers
 - b) The Holy Spirit strengthens Believers for living in this world
 - c) The Holy Spirit is the Divine Teacher of Believers
 - d) The Holy Spirit gifts and empowers Believers for service
2. Believers can quench the Holy Spirit's work in their lives through practicing sin
3. The antidote for quenching the Holy Spirit's work is to proactively stoke it instead

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- 1) How is the Holy Spirit instrumental in the salvation of Believers? Describe His work in:

- Convicting (John 16:8)
- Regenerating (John 3:6)
- Resurrecting (Romans 8:11)

2) According to the message, what does it mean to quench the Holy Spirit?

Is the Holy Spirit only quenched through “big” sins, or can His work be quenched through the practice of more mundane sins? Explain your answer.

3) How can Believers help fuel the Holy Spirit’s work in their lives?

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