



DAY 28:

GRIEVING, STIFLING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Someone may ask, "What is the difference between grieving the Holy Spirit and stifling the Holy Spirit?" The answer is, you grieve the Holy Spirit by the way you choose to live your Christian life, and you stifle the Holy Spirit by failing to allow Him to work in and through your Christian life.

An example of grieving the Holy Spirit might be you pray for revival and unity, but revival and unity does not come. You are concerned about your unanswered prayer, but at the same time the Spirit has been speaking to you about an area in your Christian life that displeases Him. You know you need to deal with the issue in your life, but you continue to procrastinate. In those moments, you have placed yourself into a position of being a barrier to seeing revival and unity come to your community and state.

An example of stifling the Holy Spirit might be that God has been speaking to you over and over about witnessing to a friend, relative, associate, or neighbor. However, you put off obeying the Spirit's directive. If this lack of obedience continues to characterize your life, you have successfully stifled the Holy Spirit of God. If you stifle God's Spirit, you become a barrier to seeing true revival and unity come to your community and state. There is a three-word key to revival: THE HOLY SPIRIT! The Bible says clearly, "Don't grieve God's Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 4:30) and, "Don't stifle the Spirit" (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

Lord, please reveal areas in my life where I might be grieving the Holy Spirit. Help me confess and repent from these areas of compromise that I might fully follow You. Do not allow me to stifle what You want to do in or through me for Your glory. In Jesus' name, amen.

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