



**1 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 34**  
**Responsibilities Toward God And His Word**  
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***1. Do not quench the Spirit. – v. 19***

*“quench”* - extinguish, stifle, retard the power or energy

**SANCTIFICATION PROCESS OF THE SPIRIT**

⇒ **The Holy Spirit Illuminates The Word Of God.**

(1 Cor. 2:10; 12–13; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet 1:20–21; 1 Jn 2:27)

***Remember...***

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

- ⇒ **The Holy Spirit Brings Believers Into Intimacy With God.** (Rom. 8:15–16; Gal. 4:6)
  
- ⇒ **The Holy Spirit Glorifies Christ & Makes Us More Like Him.** (2 Cor. 3:18; John 16:14–15; Gal. 4:19)
  
- ⇒ **The Holy Spirit Helps Believers Know God’s Will** (Eph. 5:17; James 1:5; 1 John 5:14–15)
  
- ⇒ **The Holy Spirit Grants Believers Inward Strength To Help Them Stay On The Path Of Progressive Sanctification.** (Eph. 3:16; Zech. 4:6; 2 Cor. 12:9)

## **2. Do not despise prophecies – v. 20**

“*despise*” (*exoutheneō*) to consider as absolutely nothing, treat with contempt, to look down on.

“*prophecies*” (*prophēteia*) -spoken words or written words. The verb form means “*to speak or proclaim publicly*”

## **3. Test everything – v. 21**

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