

Living in the Fullness of the Spirit: A Faith-Filled Heart



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1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

20 Do not despise prophecies

The word despise = to treat with contempt, to ignore

Mark 6:1-6

1 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and

Mark 6:1-6

Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief.

Galatians 3:1-6

1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 **Does he who supplies the**

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Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so
by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just
as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to
him as righteousness”?

1 Thessalonians 5:21

21 but test everything; hold fast what is good.

Acts 21:10-11

10 While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

1 Thessalonians 5:22

22 Abstain from every form of evil.

Hebrews 3:12

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an **evil, unbelieving heart**, leading you to fall away from the living God.

A Closed Heart



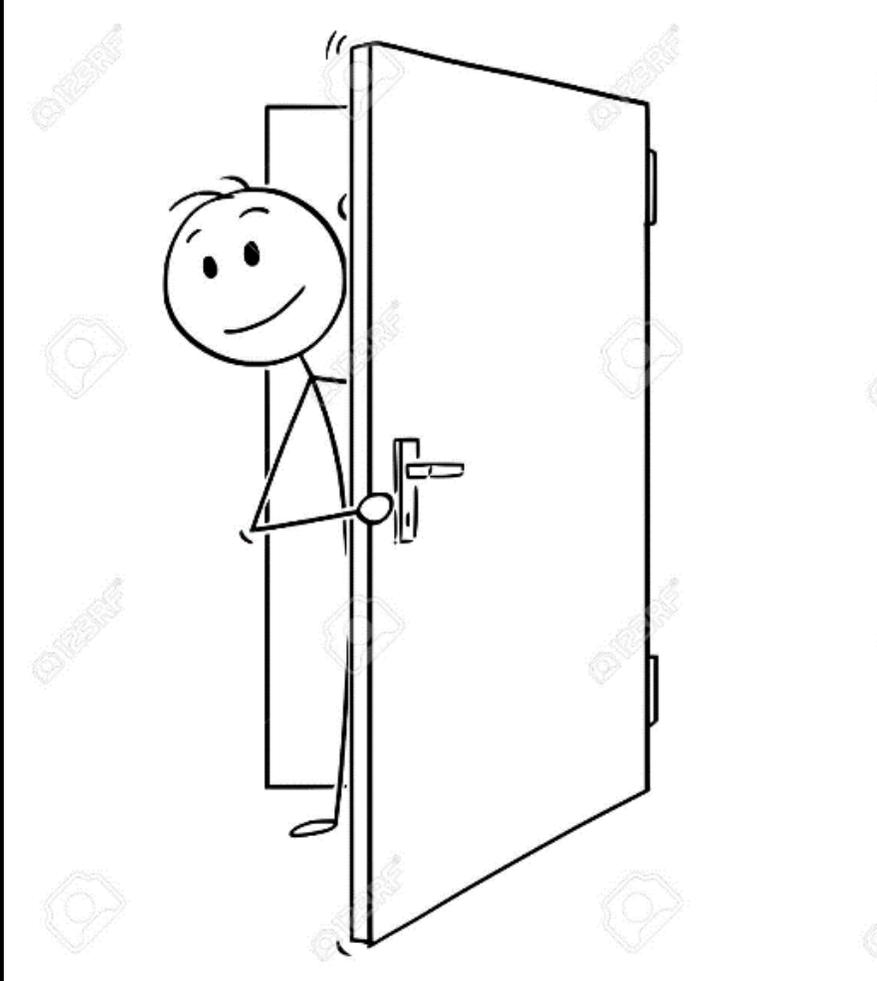
- “I don’t believe”
- “I don’t want to”
- “I like the status quo”

An Open Heart



- “I’ll consider it”
- “I won’t resist”
- “If God wants me to, I’m open”

A Faith-Filled Heart



- “I will ask”
- “I will seek”
- “I will knock”

Resources

- Empowered Evangelicals: Bringing together the best of the evangelical and charismatic worlds – Rich Nathan and Ken Wilson
- The Quest for the Radical Middle – Bill Jackson
- Surprised by the Power of the Spirit – Jack Deere