

Making room for the things that matter is hard because it often forces you to alter your plans.

We can do church without the Holy Spirit but we can't be the church without the Holy Spirit.

And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. Luke 24:49

If we are to live out a faith that works then we must be willing to make room for the Spirit to work in us.

And passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing and appealing to him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:8-9

When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. Acts 16:10

Dreams are typically an image given to us for our own sake.

Visions are an image given to us for others sake.

How good are you at making room for the Spirit to work in your life?

Wherever people are making room for the Spirit to work in their lives there will always be opposition.

Nothing derails the movement of the Holy Spirit like false teaching.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is truth. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

1. The Holy Spirit is our advocate.

2. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin and righteousness and judgement.

3. The Holy Spirit sanctifies a believer and fills them in order to bear good fruit.

4. The Holy Spirit is our source of revelation, wisdom, and power.

For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 1 Corinthians 2:11

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God. 1 Corinthians 2:12

5. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to believers.

6. The Holy Spirit is a seal in the lives of believers.

7. The Holy Spirit helps in a Christian's weakness and intercedes for them.

8. The Holy Spirit guides us to all truth.

But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. John 16:13

When we reject the truth of the word of God it will quench the work of the Holy Spirit.

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. John 14:26

That what he had taught them was from God not man.

Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. 1 Thessalonians 4:1

For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 4:2

That what he had taught them about abstaining from sexual immorality was God's will.

*For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God.
1 Thessalonians 4:3-5*

Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:18-19

And that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. 1 Thessalonians 4:6

For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you. 1 Thessalonians 4:7-8

That what he had taught them about loving one another had not changed.

Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

And to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need. 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

That what he had taught them about heaven needed to be clarified.

There was a finality concerning death in the Greek world.
Many believed when you died there was no hope for an after life
It could be that the false teachers were saying that only those who are alive would go to be with Jesus.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 1 Thessalonians 4:13

*For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 4:14*

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 1 Thessalonians 4:15

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 1 Thessalonians 4:16

Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:18