

Do Not Quench or Despise

1 Thess. 5:19-20

Use **Whatever Is Profitable**

1. What is the instruction given in 5:19? What are some ways we might be guilty of doing this?
2. What were (3) prerequisites for being filled with the Spirit briefly mentioned but we touched only on the one? Implications?
1Thess 5:19, “*Do not quench the Spirit.*” The second is in Eph. 4:30, “*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.*” And the third is in Gal. 5:16.. “*Walk by the Spirit..*”
3. Ponder/discuss the following summary statement together, and its implications, *quenching is what we do to the Spirit and grieving is how **He responds** to our quenching.*
4. If you were asked by a 12 year old, “What is quenching of the Spirit, how does it happen, and what do I do to avoid it?” How would you answer?
5. What would you describe as some things promoting quenching? What can we do to reduce such occasions?
6. What might some manifestations of a quenched Spirit be in my life? Below are manifestations when we aren’t quenching. Therefore, consider the opposites of the below..
 - A. There will be a song in our heart.
 - B. Always Giving thanks
 - C. Mutual Submission
 - D. Sanctification Progresses
 - E. Discernment & Guidance
 - F. Assurance of Conversion
 - G. Energized Giftedness
 - H. Intercedes for Us
7. How prevalent, and why do you suppose the quote below has such relevancy? Is it true of you?
G. Campbell Morgan has written, ‘Men have perpetually quenched the Spirit by attempting to work in their own strength, hoping that God would step in and make up what they lacked. God will not come and help men do their work. He asks that they should give themselves to Him, for the doing of His work...the difference is radical.’
8. What is forbidden in 5:20? Define what prophecy is? Is this different than what you previously thought and why? How does this impact your thinking?
9. How might people be guilty of despising prophecies? How does this relate to verse 19?
10. Is it possible for a person to have the gift of prophecy today? Why or Why not?
11. When all said and done what does it mean to despise prophecy? Is this a possibility today?
12. What would a church look like that desires prophecy? Or one that despises prophecy today? What are we seeing today? *1 Corinthians 14:1 (NASB95)*
¹ *Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.*

13. How would you describe what it looks like in your life to desire prophesy?

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- A sensitivity to doing the will of God so we don't quench the Spirit's ministry we so desperately need. Tender conscience.
- An increasing desire for the ministry of the Word.
- To be faithful to avail ourselves to the ministry of God's Word
- For the ministry of Anchor to always be centered on the ministry of the Word, and its' upward exaltation of God.