

Grieving the Holy Spirit

A Spirit controlled person is THE ONLY PERSON who can actually FIND GODLY SELF CONTROL! (last week)
Gal. 5:22ff But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

God keeps His promise and gives His Holy Spirit as a Gift once Jesus' blood has made us sinless when applied according to God's Promise and it is our surrender to the Holy Spirit's guidance that leads us to maturity in Christ. God raises us from the dust of our death in sin & trespasses and creates us anew in His NEW Kingdom in Christ. (same as before)

Eph. 4:24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

All we have to do is listen to God's instructions through His Holy Spirit until God puts an end to this sinful world. The church is a NEW Eve from the side of the Last Adam in a NEW Eden with, **again**, ONE instruction from God. 'Love your neighbor' fulfills ALL Law! Practice this ONE thing and you stand perfect before God **in His Image!**
What could go wrong? We have the knowledge of what happened the first time and we're SMARTER than that...??

Ephesians 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

GRIEVE: λυπέω = to cause sorrow, sadness, grief; to cause offense.

SEALED: σφραγίζω = to mark & authenticate, confirm & place beyond doubt.

How do we, as authenticated & confirmed & sealed by God members of God's family, **cause the Holy Spirit grief?**

How did the first EVE cause the Holy Spirit grief? **Listened to the WRONG voice that told her what she wanted 2 hear**

Eph. 4:17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, **excluded from the life of God** because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart. **This is NOT grieving the Holy Spirit, this is the ABSENCE of the Holy Spirit.** (the Fall)

I. Grieving the Holy Spirit is: **Eph. 4:27** and do not give the devil an opportunity. (When does this happen?)

A. laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you

1. **Thy Word is Truth**: The devil wants to tell you what you want to hear **always** contradicting God's Word.
2. **Ephesians 4:15** ...but speaking the truth in love. Or how to use God's Word to please yourself. (Grow up!)
3. **2 Timothy 2:25** ...with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition...God may grant Truth 2 them!

The Spirit can be grieved by the ATTITUDE of the one speaking the Truth! **Do not give devil this opportunity!**

B. BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN

1. Hebrews 3:10 "THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS'; **Does God get angry?**
2. John 2:15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. **Does Jesus get angry?**
3. Therefore, is it a SIN to get angry? NOPE! Where does SIN come into it? **James 1:20** for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. WE DO NOT LET GO OF OUR ANGER, which begins to **control us!** **do not let the sun go down on your anger** Listen to Holy Spirit and **LET IT GO!!**

The Spirit can be grieved by the ANGER of the one speaking the Truth **Do not give the devil this opportunity!**

C. ...he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good...

1. **2 Thess 3:11** For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, **doing no work at all...**
2. 1 Thess 4:11 .make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, attend to your own business & **work with your hands**
3. **so that he will have something to share with one who has need.** Holy Spirit uses our hands 2 touch others!

The Holy Spirit can be grieved by the IDLENESS of the one speaking the Truth! **Do not give devil this opportunity!**

D. Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth...

1. **James 3:6** And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity...
2. **Coloss 4:6** Let your speech always be with grace...
3. **Ephesians 5:4** ...and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, **which are not fitting...**

The Holy Spirit can be grieved by the LANGUAGE of the one speaking the Truth! **Do not give devil this opportunity!**

II. The result of grieving the Holy Spirit? What happens when you give the devil an opportunity?

- A. What happened when Adam & Eve gave the devil an opportunity?
- B. What happened to Moses when he gave the devil an opportunity?
- C. What happened to David when he gave the devil an opportunity?
- D. What happened to Judas when he gave the devil an opportunity?

Let the Holy Spirit confirm the Truth of Scripture as He:

Guides your ATTITUDE of patience & compassion toward others

Gets you to let go of your ANGER toward others

Gives you work to do to eliminate your IDLENESS toward others

Governs your tongue to control your LANGUAGE before others

And in all these things brings forth SELF CONTROL that REFUSES to listen to Satan to give him any opportunity!

In this we **pass through the wilderness of Satan's temptations** and have God proclaim:

This is My Beloved Child with whom I am well pleased! (Unless you give the devil one more opportunity...)