

The Spirit of Holiness.

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Supportive scriptures:

Ephesians 4:30

Isaiah 7:13

I Thessalonians 5:19

Jude 1:19

Word Definition:

Holy: Belonging to, derived from, or associated with a divine power. (Sacred). Holiness (n) The state of being holy.

Introduction: The "Spirit of Holiness" may be grieved by insistence or carnal pursuit. Ephesians 4:30 says "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." The Holy Spirit, who is the third person of the trinity of God, is fully equipped to develop the spiritual character and integrity of a Christian believer but He can't succeed in this endeavor without the permission, collaboration, and participation of the believer.

Point #1. Do Not Restrict The Holy Spirit.

As Christian believers, the Holy Spirit of God should never be:

1. Pushed away
2. Ignored

3. Rejected

And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? (Isaiah 7:13 KJV).

Point #2. The Spirit of God Lives within The Believer.

Because the Spirit of God lives in us, as Christian believers, we should be sensitive and selective about what we:

1. Think
2. Read
3. Watch
4. Say
5. Do

Point #3. Enticements & Temptations Are Common To Man.

- I Corinthians 10:13
- James 1:14

Let's be very cognizant and aware that evil thoughts and actions are temptations even for those who are sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Point #4. A Call of Appeal To Holiness

Quench not the Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 5:19 KJV)

- To quench the Holy Spirit implies that Christian believers should not resist His influence, like trying to smother a fire.
- One of the fundamental rules of walking with God is that we should not say no to the Spirit of God.

Point #5. Apostates Predicted. (Jude v. 19)

These be they who separate themselves, sensual having not the Spirit. (Jude 1:19 KJV)

The author Jude declares that the false teachers are without the Spirit, by such a declaration, he leaves no doubt as to their eternal destiny. They are merely worldly individuals and do not belong to God.