



November

Do's and Don'ts

Sermon Series

I Thessalonians 5:16- 20, Rejoice
always, pray without ceasing, in
everything give thanks; for this is the will
of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not
quench the Spirit. Do not despise
prophecies.



November Lessons

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(1 Thessalonians 5:19)



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1 THESSALONIANS 5:20

Lesson Four

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Part One

Before you can “quench” or
“grieve” the Spirit, you must
have the Spirit!

John 14:16-17, And I will pray the Father,
and He will give you another Helper, that
He may abide with you forever—the Spirit
of truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees Him nor knows
Him; but you know Him, for He dwells
with you and will be in you

The word translated “quench” in Greek means to **extinguish** as one does to a flame.

Figuratively, it means to **dampen, stifle, hinder, or repress** the power or energy of the Holy Spirit.

How Do We Quench the Spirit?

1. When We Ignore Him

2. When We Choose to Sin

3. When We Fail to Surrender

4. When We Have a Harsh Attitude

Matthew 3:11 (MSG), John the Baptist said, “He, (Jesus) will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out.”

Consequences of Quenching the Spirit:

- 1. We Hinder His Work**
- 2. We Become Fleshly**
- 3. We Become Distant**



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Part Two

“Despise” is a strong verb which means to despise someone or something on the basis that it is worthless or of no value. To treat something or someone as of no account.

Three Ways Prophecy is Used in the New Testament:

1. Don't Despise the Written Prophetic Word

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II Peter 1:16–21 (ESV), For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

II Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV), All Scripture is
breathed out by God and profitable for
teaching, for reproof, for correction, and
for training in righteousness, that the man
of God may be complete, equipped for
every good work.

2. Don't Despise the Preached Prophetic Word

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1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV), And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Hebrews 4:12, For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

3. Don't Despise the Practical Prophetic Word

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Acts 11:27–30 (ESV), now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So, the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Three Blessings of Prophecy:



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1 Corinthians 14:3, But he who
prophesies speaks edification and
exhortation and comfort to men.

- 1. Edify** (to build up)
- 2. Exhort** (strongly encourage)
- 3. Comfort** (to console)

Three Ways to Pursue Prophecy:

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- 1. Pray** (ask for guidance)
- 2. Prepare** (educate yourself)
- 3. Practice** (find a place to grow)

I Corinthians 14:39
Earnestly desire to
prophecy.