

LIFE IN THE WORD

SERIES:

LIVING WITH A STIFF NECK

(RESISTING THE HOLY

SPIRIT)

**LESSON NINE:
QUENCH NOT THE
HOLY SPIRIT**

**FOUNDATION
SCRIPTURE
ACTS 7:51**

**ACTS 7:51, YOU STIFF-NECKED PEOPLE,
UNCIRCUMCISED IN HEART AND EARS, YOU ALWAYS
RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS YOUR FATHERS DID, SO
DO YOU.**

**DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT.
I THESSALONIANS 5:19**

**DO NOT QUENCH [SUBDUE OR BE
UNRESPONSIVE TO THE WORKING
AND GUIDANCE OF] THE HOLY SPIRIT.
AMPLIFIED BIBLE**

**DON'T PUT OUT THE SPIRIT'S FIRE.
GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A
SYMBOL OF FIRE**

**THE WORD "QUENCH" IN THE GREEK IS
ABENNUMI; TO EXTINGUISH OR GO OUT.**

**QUENCHING THE HOLY SPIRIT LIMITS, RESTRICTS,
OR SUPPRESSES THE SPIRIT'S WORK IN A
BELIEVER'S LIFE. WHEN WE QUENCH THE HOLY
SPIRIT, WE ESSENTIALLY BLOCK HIS INFLUENCE,
POWER, AND GUIDANCE.**

**TEN WAYS WE QUENCH
THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

**1. IGNORING THE SPIRIT'S
PROMPTINGS IN DAILY DECISIONS.**

**JAMES 4:17, HENCE, TO HIM WHO
KNOWS TO DO GOOD AND DOES
NOT DO IT, TO HIM IT IS SIN.**

**2. OVERLOOKING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR PRAYER.**

**EPHESIANS 6:18, PRAYING ALWAYS WITH
ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE
SPIRIT, BEING WATCHFUL TO THIS END
WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE AND
SUPPLICATION FOR ALL THE SAINTS.**

3. PERSISTENT SIN AND UNREPENTANT BEHAVIOR

**ABSTAIN FROM EVERY FORM OF EVIL.
I THESSALONIANS 5:22**

**GALATIANS 6:7-8, DO NOT BE DECEIVED, GOD IS NOT
MOCKED; FOR WHATEVER A MAN SOWS, THAT HE
WILL ALSO REAP. FOR HE WHO SOWS TO HIS FLESH
WILL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION, BUT HE
WHO SOWS TO THE SPIRIT WILL OF THE SPIRIT REAP
EVERLASTING LIFE.**

**4. REFUSING TO
SEEK FORGIVENESS**

**I JOHN 1:9, IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS
FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**PSALM 51:10-11, CREATE IN ME A
CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A
STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME. DO NOT
CAST ME AWAY FROM YOUR
PRESENCE, AND DO NOT TAKE YOUR
HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.**

**5. NEGLECTING
SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES**

**6. ABANDONING REGULAR STUDY
OF GOD'S WORD.**

**YOUR WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A
LIGHT TO MY PATH.
PSALM 119:105**

**7. PURSUING WORLDLY VALUES
OVER KINGDOM PRIORITIES.**

MATTHEW 6:24, NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS; FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR ELSE HE WILL BE LOYAL TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON.

**8. COMPROMISING GODLY PRINCIPLES
FOR ACCEPTANCE**

**ROMANS 12:2, AND DO NOT BE
CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE
TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF
YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT
IS THAT GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND
PERFECT WILL OF GOD.**

**WHEN ACCEPTANCE FROM OTHERS
BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN
OBEDIENCE TO GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT'S
INFLUENCE GETS SYSTEMATICALLY
REDUCED TO COMFORTABLE, NON-
CONFRONTATIONAL PROMPTINGS THAT
DON'T DISRUPT SOCIAL HARMONY.**

**9. RESISTING SPIRITUAL GIFTS
IN YOURSELF AND OTHERS**

**I TIMOTHY 4:14, DO NOT NEGLECT THE
GIFT THAT IS IN YOU, WHICH WAS GIVEN
TO YOU BY PROPHECY WITH THE LAYING
ON OF THE HANDS OF THE ELDERS.**

FOUR WAYS WE SUPPRESS OUR GIFTS:

1. SELF-DOUBT

2. FEAR OF JUDGMENT

3. PERFECTIONISM

4. PAST DISAPPOINTMENTS

**WALK BY THE SPIRIT, AND YOU WILL NOT
GRATIFY THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH.**

GALATIANS 5:16

PRAYER

**DEAR GOD, HELP ME NOT TO QUENCH THE
HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN ME. MAY I BE OPEN
TO HIS GUIDANCE AND POWER.
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.**

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- 1. NAME THE THREE WAYS WE CAN BLOCK THE FLOW OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK IN OUR LIVES.**
- 2. WHAT IS MEANT BY "QUENCH NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT."**
- 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A SYMBOL OF FIRE. IN WHAT WAY(S)?**
- 4. QUENCHING THE HOLY SPIRIT LIMITS OR SUPPRESSES THE SPIRIT'S WORK IN A BELIEVER'S LIFE. EXPLAIN.**
- 5. NAME SOME WAYS WE QUENCH THE HOLY SPIRIT.**
- 6. LIST ONE TAKEAWAY FROM THIS SERIES, 'LIVING WITH A STIFF NECK' (RESISTING THE HOLY SPIRIT).**