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## Stirring Up the Gifts of the Spirit ~ Pastor Trey Dickerson

Recently, at the church I pastor (High Point Church), the Lord led us into a study of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. But this was not a traditional study on these nine of manifestations of the Holy Spirit; rather, it was us delving into the keys to seeing more of a manifestation of these nine gifts in our own individual lives and also in our corporate gatherings.

So, what I did in this series of teachings was I spent around half of the time looking at *how* a Spirit-filled believer and church can see more of these manifestations of the Holy Ghost. And through personal experience as well as Scriptural evidence, I came up with three keys to seeing the gifts of the Holy Spirit operating more in us. So, do you desire to learn what these keys are? I hope so—for that is arguably the most important way to experience more of them in your life. So, in this quarterly edition of our Living Logos newsletter, I felt impressed to share this one, vital key with you:

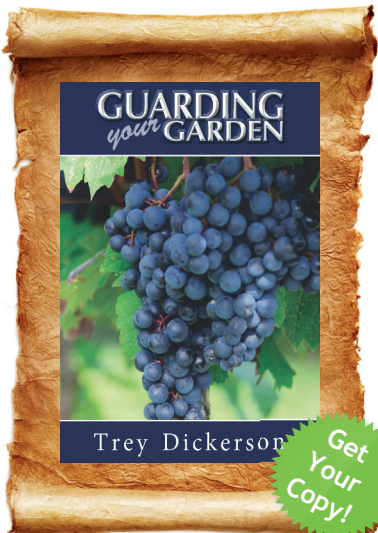
Are you familiar with the biblical phrase—“Do not quench the Spirit” (First Thessalonians 5:19)? And how many of you have

heard that we “quench” the Holy Spirit through our sins, faults and mistakes? Well, I’m here to tell you that is *not* how the Holy Spirit is quenched in our lives.

So, let’s look at what the apostle Paul meant when he exhorted New Testament believers to not quench the Spirit: First, we would do well to define the word “quench”: The word “quench” means to dampen a flame or to pour water on a fire of some sort. The Greek word *sbennymi* literally means to “extinguish, or snuff out.” In fact, in Mark chapter 9, Jesus uses this same word several times in reference



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### A WORD FROM SHANNON

The Word says that God inhabits the praises of His people. (Psalm 22:3) To think that God, in all His fullness, inhabits and dwells in our praises of Him is amazing. He occupies our praise, and with His presence He brings His love, His healing, His forgiveness, His grace, and His mercy. Whatever we need to make our present situation better is there as we praise the Lord.

God inhabits our praises – not just on Sunday in church, but in your home, when you’re at work, when you’re doing laundry or dishes, or preparing a meal for your family or friends. God, in all His fullness, inhabits your praises. If you could simply get a hold of this truth, you would know that every time you praise Him, every time you worship Him, He is present to meet your needs. As you praise and worship Him, specify your needs, and watch Jesus fulfill your need. He is your everything and all you will truly ever need.



*("Stirring Up the Gifts of the Spirit" continued)*

to the fire in hell that is not quenched. So, when it comes to quenching the Holy Spirit, a fire is what is being quenched—which is important to understand because time and time again the Holy Spirit is typified as *fire* in the Scriptures. Therefore, when an individual or group "quenches the Spirit" what they are doing is extinguishing the fire of the Holy Ghost.

So, again, is it our sin and shortcomings that does this? No, if problems in the Lord's church are what quenches the Holy Spirit, then what about the church of Corinth? Paul said that this church was full of divisions, strife, and carnality! They had one of their members who was having an affair with his mother in law! They even used the Lord's Supper as an occasion for the flesh! Let me tell you—this church was full of problems, yet they had so many manifestations of the Spirit in their gatherings that the apostle Paul had to tell them to do all things decently and in order! So evidently sin was and is not what puts out the fire of the Holy Spirit in our churches and our individual lives or He would have certainly been quenched in the Church of Corinth. Amen?

No, church, Paul went on in the following verse of First Thessalonians chapter 5 to describe exactly how one quenches the Spirit, and it is by despising the gifts of the Spirit such as prophecy (see vs. 20)! Someone might say, "But I don't despise the gifts!" Well, when we think of "despising" something, we think of hating it or being against it. Not God. He considers despising something as simply not valuing it to the degree that one should. We see this in Genesis 25:34 when we are told that Esau "despised his birthright." Now he didn't hate his birthright; he just simply esteemed something physical & carnal more than he did his spiritual inheritance.

And, church, this is exactly how one quenches the Spirit? It is simply by not fueling the desire, zeal and diligence for more of the manifestations of the Spirit. No, it is not the mistakes we make, but it is the mistake most believers make of not seeing these things as both valuable and able to be received.

So, here is the good news: If we extinguish the Spirit by not esteeming His gifts, then don't you think we can do the reverse and fan the flame of the Holy Ghost by earnestly coveting His gifts? I guarantee you we can! This is why the apostle Paul encouraged us to desire and earnestly covet these gifts (see First Corinthians. 12:31 & 14:1). Evidently, this has something to do with experiencing more of them. Amen?

You see, Paul had to remind a pastor in Second Timothy 1:6 to stir up the gift which was in him. Now the words "stir up" in this passage literally describe "rekindling a fire." So, we are seeing here how to reverse the quenching of the Spirit. We have to stoke the embers within us, and that is what I am doing with you today—Like Paul did with Timothy here, I am reminding you to stir up the gifts that are within you!

Church, this is the key to seeing more of the gifts of the Spirit manifested in our churches, gatherings, meeting, and in our everyday life as well. Yes, this desire for the gifts is like the gasoline that will cause the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn brighter in our lives! So, it is simply in getting hungry for the gifts like Esau was hungry for that food! To earnestly desire them like we hunger for our next meal! To seek them as for precious jewels! For when we seek for the things of the Spirit with our whole heart, we will find them!

I have much more on this subject. So if you are hungry to learn more, feel free to contact me and I can send you some free documents where you can go deeper in this topic. Also, I can point you to our church's website where you can feed on the same good meat that we get at High Point Church. Stay hungry and thirsty, my friends!

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