

7. Follow after love (1 Corinthians 14:1)

Greatest Commandments (Matthew 27:37-38)

Warning 1 – Do not grieve the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:29-32)

Grieve – afflict with sorrow because of our speech and attitude toward others

Warning 2 – Do not quench the Spirit (1 Thess. 5:16-19)

Quench – Restrict or ignore as you go through the day

To grieve the Holy Spirit is something we do by anger, bitterness, bad talking and an unforgiving heart.

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To quench the Holy Spirit is something we do not do in that we are not rejoicing, thankful and simply not talking with the Lord

*“I want to tell you a growing conviction with me, and that is that as we obey the leadings of the Spirit of God, we enable God to answer the prayers of other people. I mean that our lives, my life, are the answer to someone’s prayer, prayed perhaps centuries ago” (Oswald Chambers 1874-1917)*



**Week 4**



**The Fellowship**  
Resources for the Body of Christ

**Outline of this Series**

- Session 1 – Can We Hear From God?
- Session 2 – Discerning the Sound, Part 1
- Session 3 – Discerning the Sound, Part 2
- Session 4 – Growing Strong in Hearing God

**The “Parents” of our Supernatural Birth**

The Word of God (1 Peter 1:23)  
 The Spirit of God (John 3:6)  
 Therefore it is not surprising that God speaks to us  
     Through His Written Word  
     Through His Indwelling Spirit

**God has spoken to people in the New Testament**

He communicates in various ways  
 Angels, Visions, Voice from heaven, Voice for person, through  
 other believers, ministry, witness or promptings of the Holy  
 Spirit

**God helps some people more than others**

But He is not a respecter of persons  
 Some have learned to depend & yield

**The development of our spirit’s sensitivity to the Lord**

Senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrews5:14)  
 Like exercising our physical muscles

**Helps to Develop Sensitivity**

1. Getting into the Word of God
    - Jesus on way to Emmaus (Luke 24:25-26)
    - Jesus in upper room (Luke 24:42-48)
- At the beginning of this new setting Jesus was showing that the main way we get to know him is through the Word of God.

- Proper Nutrition – read and meditate (Psalm 1:1-2)
- Proper Exercise – doing the Word (James 1:22)
- Proper Attitude – confident faith (James 1:21)
- Proper Search – look for Jesus (John 5:39)

2. Pray in the Holy Spirit – Gift of Tongues  
 This activity builds you up in your spirit (1 Corinthians 14:1-5)  
 ...speaks in a tongue. . .in the spirit speaks mysteries (vs. 2)  
 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself (vs. 4)

3 Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18ff)  
 Result 1 Singing to self & others  
 Result 2 Giving thanks always, for all, in Jesus’s name  
 Result 3 Submitting to one another

4. Do not fellowship with demons (1 Corinthians 10:20-21)  
 Do not participate in evil activities (Psalm 1:1)  
 Do not participate in ungodly activities (Psalm 1:1)  
 Do not participate in scoffing – ridicule the Lord (Psalm 1:1)

5. Follow a believer who is following Jesus (1Corinthians 11:1)

6. Walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16, 22—23)

Love	Not Hate
Joy	Not Depression
Peace	Not Worry
Patience	Not Fickleness
Kindness	Not Harshness
Goodness	Not Evil
Faithfulness	Not Inconstancy
Gentleness	Not Hardness
Self-Control	Not Out of Control