

GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Eph 4: 29-32

29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Grieving the Holy Spirit - Meaning and Examples

To grieve means to make sad or sorrowful. It means to cause sorrow, pain, or distress.

VARIOUS TRANSLATIONS

AMPC

Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it.

ICB

When you talk, do not say harmful things. But say what people need—words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will help those who listen to you.

VOICE

Don't let even one rotten word seep out of your mouths. Instead, offer only fresh words that build others up when they need it most. That way your good words will communicate grace to those who hear them.

WHY IS "GRIEVING" THE HOLY SPIRIT DIRECTLY LINKED TO CORRUPT COMMUNICATION?

Because spirits work through lies. This is why Satan is the "father of lies." And the sinner is "deceived."

Satan always calls God a liar. The truth is, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). "The soul that sins will surely die" (Ezek. 18:4).

Galatians 6:7

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Revelation 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Spirits do not have physical power over you, unless you submit to them. This is what demonic possession is. Demons do not act in the physical unless it is through a person. If they were to trespass out of the domain they would be judged. This is what Jude speaks of:

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; Jude 1:6 NKJV

2 Peter 2:4

For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them deep into hell, placing them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment;

SO IF DEMONS CANNOT TRESPASS INTO THE DOMAIN OF HUMANS, HOW DO THEY ATTACK US?

SPIRITS SPEAK!!!

Wait, you say, but doesn't the Holy Spirit speak to us? YES! This is the battlefield of your mind, your heart, your spirit.

4 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 1 Tim 4:1-5 KJV

We tend to think that we grieve the Holy Spirit by what we do. But we actually, grieve the Holy Spirit by WHAT WE SAY!

We ACT OUT OF OUR WILL. BUT WE SPEAK OUT OF OUR SPIRIT!

WORDS ARE THE TOOLS OF THE SPIRIT

WORDS REVEAL OUR SPIRITUAL MATURITY. LOOK AT CONTEXT:

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

1 John 4:1-2

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2

But what makes the Holy Spirit sad or sorrowful?