# Quench Not The Spirit

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*"Quench not the Spirit"* (1 Thes. 5:19), the Apostle Paul exhorts. The idea here is to avoid the extinguishing of the love and power of the Holy Spirit in relation to His purposes and work, and causing an utter cessation of their manifestation. Let the Spirit's love and power glow and burn like a flame of pure glory, permeating and pervading the whole temple of the body, shining out from all the windows of the soul, and kindling other hearts.

There are three ways of quenching a fire: 1. By leaving it alone: that is neglect. 2. By pouring on water: that is willful sin. 3. By putting on it what will not burn, and gradually smothering it: that is selfishness, worldliness.

In one of these three ways how often is the Holy Spirit quenched. Indifference creeps over the soul. Prayer and the Word of God are neglected. The love of God chills off, and the Holy Spirit becomes inoperative.

Or there is the harboring of and indulging in known sin, excusing it, providing for it, allowing in oneself what we would strongly disallow in others, with that treacherous, lying thought, "Oh, I am different."

Or again, the self-indulgence and worldliness of circumstances are permitted to control the life, and the Spirit of God is quenched.

How easily is He grieved, and how easily is He pleased! Not some great thing does He want, but the yielded will, the obedient heart, and then He can rejoice and bless.

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