



# THE SPIRIT Empowers

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# Do Not Grieve God's Spirit

- **God's Spirit Will Not "Strive"**
  - **Genesis 6:1-3, 5-8, 12-13**
  - **Ephesians 4:17-24, 30**



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## ■ Definition – Strive – Genesis 6

- Hebrew – *diyyn*
- “to judge, contend, plead”
- “to plead a cause”
- “to contend, strive”



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## ■ Ephesians 4:30

- Greek – *lypeo*
- “to make sorrowful”
- “to affect with sadness, cause grief, to throw into sorrow”
- “to offend”
- “to make uneasy”



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## ■ Definition - Grieve

- “to cause to suffer”
- “to feel or show grief over”
- “to submit a formal grievance concerning”



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## ■ As Christians, What is our Duty?

– Matthew 28:19-20

– John 6:44

– Romans 9:15-33



When God  
Calls

- God, the Father, has made it possible for us to draw close to Him through Jesus Christ.
- A person is lead to the church and is added to the church upon repentance, baptism, giving themselves wholly to the God Family and receiving the Holy Spirit.
- It the person's duty to conduct themselves in harmony with the leading of the Holy Spirit and the ways of God, the Father and Jesus Christ.



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## ■ A Record In Heaven

- Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30
  - II Corinthians 1:22
  - Romans 8:18-27
  - **Revelation 14:1,3-5; 7:1-14**
- It appears that the Apostle Paul did not want his fellow believers to endanger their future spiritual fulfillment.



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## ■ Why Is It Important?

- Psalm 51:1-12
  - Revelation 2:10
  - John 3:30-36
  - Romans 5:8; 6:23
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- Grieving the Holy Spirit can be the first step to quenching and totally losing the influence of God, the Father, and Jesus Christ's active force in a Christian's life.
  - Consider the example of David, after his sin with Bathsheba.
  - Christians need God's Holy Spirit to maintain integrity to God and receive the gift of eternal life, through the faith of Jesus Christ's sacrifice, which was the ransom sacrifice.



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## ■ How Can A Christian Grieve God's Holy Spirit?

- Galatians 5:16, 25-26
- Ephesians 4:25-32



- Christians can avoid grieving God's Holy Spirit by walking and living by (direction) of the Spirit.
- We can grieve God's Holy Spirit to a degree by allowing ourselves to drift slowly toward conduct condemned by God's Word.


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- **How To Avoid Grieving God's Holy Spirit?**
  - **Be Truthful**
  - **Angry without Sin**
  - **Do Not Give Satan an Opportunity**
  - **Do Not Steal**
  - **Do Not Use Unwholesome Words**
  - **Rid Ourselves of Bitterness and Malice**
  - **Be Kind**



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## ■ Finally, Vigilance Is Needed

- **II Peter 1:10-15**
  - **I Peter 5:8**
  - **Mark 13:33**
  - **Luke 21:36**
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- **God, the Father and Jesus Christ are willing and able to help us to avoid grieving, which leads to quenching the Holy Spirit.**
  - **We must pray and live a determined life to not grieve and quench God's Holy Spirit.**