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1 Thessalonians: Holiness & Hope in a Hostile World

Lesson Twenty-one • 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

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The work of God's SPIRIT and God's WORD in worship is essential for promoting peace in the church.

Therefore, we must check our attitude and actions regarding the working of the Spirit of God and the preaching of the Word of God.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Spirit and Word in Worship at LifeBridge

1. Do Nothing That Will STIFLE the Working of God's Spirit!

Command for the Thessalonian Church

Do not quench the Spirit by DESPISING prophecies (v. 19-20).

How Do We Quench the Spirit Today?

- We quench the Spirit when we DESPISE the preaching and teaching of God's Word.

- We quench the Spirit when we LISTEN to voices contrary to God's voice in His Word.

- We quench the Spirit when we IGNORE the conviction of sin and tolerate unconfessed sin.

- We quench the Spirit when we LIVE contrary to God's revealed will in His Word.

2. Be Discerning as You HEAR the Preaching of God's Word!

Guidelines for Listening with Discernment

- TEST everything against Scripture (v. 21).

- HOLD FAST to that which is good (v. 21).

- ABSTAIN from every form of evil (v. 22).

Takeaway

DISCERN don't DESPISE the working of God's Spirit and the preaching of God's Word in worship.

While we must not quench the Holy Spirit's working in our midst, we must always be discerning so as not to fall prey to false spiritual experiences or false teaching in these last days till Jesus returns.