

1 **Quench not the Spirit:**

What does that mean?

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2 **Quench not the Spirit: 1 Thessalonians 5.19-22**

► "The Spirit" = ὁ πνεῦμα

- The definite article is present: Highlights the person; "spirit"=breath
- The Holy Spirit:
 - ✓The third person of the Trinity (1 Jn 5.7)
 - ✓God: Omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent
 - ✓Vitality of life (Creator—Gen 1.26,2.7, Job 33.4; Giver & Sustainer—Ps 104.30; Mt 1.18-20)
 - ✓God in action (Mt 12.28, Lk 11.20)
 - ✓Illustration: "I can see your mother's spirit in you"
 - ✓

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► Quench = σβέννυμι

- Stifle, suppress, dampen, hinder from the full influence of something like light or sound
- In this case, suppressing the full influence of the Holy Spirit

► Grieve = λυπέω (Eph 4.30)

- In the active voice, "to cause pain, or grief, to distress, grieve"

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► Cf. 2 Cor 2.1-2: "Sorrow" → ¹But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. ²For if I make you sorrowful [grieve], then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

► Why would the Spirit tolerate this?

- Free will = put at risk → The risk of rejection
- Free will = richest expression of love and affection, but the deepest of potential pain

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► Ps 81.8-16

¹¹"But My people would not heed My voice, And Israel would have none of Me.

¹²So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels.

¹³"Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways!

¹⁴I would soon subdue their enemies, And turn My hand against their adversaries...

¹⁶He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat; And with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you."

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► Jer. 7.23-26

²³But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.' ²⁴Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.

²⁵Since the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them.

²⁶Yet they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck.

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► Mt 23.37

³⁷"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

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Jonah

- The command to go (1.1-3)
- The going into the belly of the boat during the storm (1.5)
- The time in the belly of the fish (1.17)
- The long journey to Nineveh & preaching (3.1-4)
- The Ninevite response (4.1-4)
- Jonah's response to the shade & heat (4.5-9)
- Resisting God's heart (4.10-11)

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Personal Examples Anyone?

- Repentance because:
 - I got caught;
 - I made a mess;
 - I hurt the one I love;
 - I embarrassed myself;
 - I embarrassed my family;
 - I lost something I want back

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Personal Examples Anyone?

- Doing the right thing for the wrong reason
 - To show someone else what a servant looks like
 - To show myself to be a servant
 - To show that I know what I am doing

- To show that I can be trusted
- How about: Just loving the Lord Jesus?!?!?!?

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Personal Examples Anyone?

► Hypocrisy

- Seeking counsel as a formality, but doing what you want to do anyway
- Seeking counsel in order to find someone you can claim agrees with you
- Seeking counsel to gain sympathy
- Seeking counsel to have a witness of your actions.

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► How can this happen?

- Do not despise prophecies
- Test all things
- Hold fast to what is good
- Abstain every from of evil

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► Q: How? A: Do not despise prophecies

- Despise = ἐξουθενέω
 - ✓ To make of no account; to regard as nothing/useless;
 - ✓ To have no use for something, beneath one's consideration
 - ✓ Reject disdainfully, condescendingly, disrespectfully

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► Q: How? A: Do not despise prophecies

- Prophecies = προφητεία
 - ✓ An utterance inspired by God—'inspired utterance, prophecy.' (LN)
 - ✓ Usually in conjunction with the spiritual gift of prophecy (BDAG)
 - ✓ I.e. His revelation or revealed Word

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► Q: How? A: Do not despise prophecies

- CF:
 - ✓ "Filled with the Spirit" = melodious song (Eph 5.19)
 - ✓ "Filled with...the Word" = melodious song (Col 3.16)
 - ✓ Therefore:
 - Filled with the Spirit = Filled with the Word (i.e. his revelation or prophecies)
 - Implication: No word of God = No HS filling

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► Q: How? A: Do not despise prophecies

- Personally:

- ✓My own longings: What are things I would do if I had all of my time to schedule and plan?
- ✓My own priorities: Shown in how I utilize my time—specifically my unscheduled time
- ✓Designated choices: Sports vs the Word; my shows vs the Spirit; my hobbies vs the Lord; FB/instagram/twitter vs His time...???
- ✓Illustration: We all have one...

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- Q: How? A: Do not despise prophecies
 - Corporately: I.e. as a Body or Church
 - ✓The Communicators:
 - Are we “winging it” or preparing it”
 - Are we listening to the Spirit of God or are we listening to someone else
 - Is our heart obeying it or the mouth only speaking it
 - Are we sacrificing or keeping it convenient

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- Q: How? A: Do not despise prophecies
 - Corporately: I.e. as a Body or Church
 - ✓The Audience:
 - Commitment vs Lack of commitment?
 - Attendance vs Attentive-ness?
 - Convenience vs Inconvenience?
 - Interruptions or Distractions?
 - Is it only by the radio or is it with the Body?
 - Am I looking to hear the word of the Lord?

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- Q: How? A: Do not despise prophecies
 - Closing:
 - ✓What is my attitude toward the word of God as a Body?
 - ✓Is my mindset the reason for a stifling of the work of God’s Spirit here?
 - ✓Am I the rate limiting step?
 - ✓Am I quenching the Spirit with my approach to God’s Word privately or publicly?

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Illustration: Saul (1 Sam 14.15-23)

- Setting: Jonathan/armor bearer take out 20 Philistine men guarding the pass (14.1-14)
- Seismic Event: An earthquake simultaneously occurs & the Philistine camp is terrified (14.15)

- Sentries: Israeli scouts see the chaos & a roll is called (14.16-17)
- Saul: He calls for the Ark to ask of God, but he retracts due to the commotion (14.18-19)
- Results: The people go to battle without a word from the Lord (14.20)

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Test all things (5.21a)

- Test = δοκιμάζω
 - Meaning: To make a critical examination of something to determine its genuineness; thus, testing or examining (BDAG)
 - Usage: Used in relation to metallurgy whereby ore is repetitively heated and cooled to separate and purify its trace elements
- All things
 - The totality of an object
 - Each and every part that makes up the object

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Test all things (5.21a)

- Idea: What constitutes "all things" Rigorous examination of all the whole thing and the parts of the thing, looking for its genuine quality & authentication
- What constitutes "all things?"
 - Will of God (Rm 12.2)
 - ✓ "Transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may PROVE what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God"
 - ✓ Cf. Eph 5.9-10: "Finding out what is acceptable to the Lord"

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Test all things (5.21a)

- What constitutes "all things?"
 - Doctrinally—there is a responsibility involved
 - ✓ 1 Jn 4.1-3: "Do not believe every spirit, but TEST the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false spirits have done out into the world"
 - ✓ Cf. Gal 1.8: Discern if there is another Gospel and know that it is cursed...got to be the norm

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Test all things (5.21a)

- What constitutes "all things?"
 - Doctrinally—there is benefit involved
 - ✓ Cf. Rev 2.2: The Ephesian Assembly made it their reputation to find the liars and fake apostles
 - ✓ Bereans: Acts 17.10-12 → They made careful analysis of what Paul said; they did it willingly, and it results in new converts

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► What constitutes “all things?”

- Doctrinally—there is benefit involved
 - ✓ The hallmark of a mutually functioning gifts: 1 Cor 14.27-29 →
 - Multiple gifts orderly practiced
 - Resulted in orderly graciousness in the body
 - Resulted in mutual examination of what was said

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Test all things (5.21a)

► What constitutes “all things?”

- Personally — there is a danger involved
 - ✓ 1 Cor 11.28-31
 - “Let a man examine himself...for this reason many are weak and sick among you”
 - It is necessary
 - There is a consequence
 - It is all linked to the Lord & his sacrifice

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Test all things (5.21a)

► What constitutes “all things?”

- Personally — there is a danger involved
 - ✓ Gal 6.3-4: Self-deception occurs without self-examination
- Intimately — lets not hold back: Ps 139.23-24
 - ✓ It’s one thing to examine yourself
 - ✓ It’s quite another to ask God to examine you
 - ✓ Are you afraid of what you & he will find?

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► Illustration and application

- King Ahab and King Jehoshaphat — 2 Chr 18
 - ✓ Jehoshaphat & Ahab align by marriage and militarily (vv 1-3)
 - ✓ Request: Counsel is requested, but only from “non-Lord” prophets (vv 4-5)
 - ✓ “Re-Counsel:” Requested from a prophet of the Lord (v 6)

✓Reluctance & disrespect: Ahab (v 7)

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► Illustration and application

- King Ahab and King Jehoshaphat — 2 Chr 18
 - ✓ Respect: King Jehoshaphat values the message and the messenger of God (v 7)
 - ✓ Roost: All the “non-Lord” prophets agree and demonstrate so (vv 8-10)
 - ✓ Re-direct: Micaiah was told to agree; he does so sarcastically (vv 11-15)
 - ✓ Re-statement: The truth is given (vv. 16-22)

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Test all things (5.21)

► Illustration and application

- King Ahab and King Jehoshaphat — 2 Chr 18
 - ✓ Notice: King Ahab sees the message from God as inconvenient & obstructing his plans
 - ✓
 - ✓ Notice: King Jehoshaphat reverses the Word of God as something to be heard & obeyed
 - ✓
 - ✓ Notice: King J. is willing to test Ahab’s pro-phets, even when outnumbered & unpopular

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Test all things (5.21a)

► Illustration and application

- King Ahab and King Jehoshaphat — 2 Chr 18
 - ✓ Notice: The Enemy was behind the lie...that would have been good to know
- Are you looking for counsel or just figuring out your parents reaction?
- Are you overlooking some Biblical doctrines
- Are you still looking to do your idea, regardless

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Hold fast to what is good (5.21b)

► Hold fast = κατέχω

- BDAG: To adhere firmly to traditions, instructions, values, convictions, or beliefs; thus, to hold firmly
- Wuest: Used in the nautical world of “holding to one’s course” as when a ship is tossed to & fro and thus bringing the vessel to shore
- Imagery: Holding the ships wheel to the charted course and bring us safely to shore
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Hold fast to what is good (5.21b)

- Good = καλός
 - BDAG: In any respect, blameless or unobjectionable or excellent
 - Zodhiates: Constitutionally good, expressing beauty & harmonious completeness, balance, proportion; good in character and thus excellent
- Implications: What do I hold to exactly?
 - Biblical traditions:
 - ✓ 2 Thess 2.15: "Stand fast & hold the traditions..."

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- Implications: What do I hold to exactly?
 - Biblical traditions: 2 Thess 2.15: "...which you were taught whether by word or our epistle" (i.e. the Word of God)
 - ✓ Cf. 1 Cor 11.16: "We have not such customs, nor do the churches of God"
 - ✓ Cf. Heb 10.23: "Hold fast the CONFESSION of our hope...for He who is promised is faithful"

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- Implications: What do I hold to exactly?
 - Personally
 - ✓ Mentally: "Whatever things are..." (Phil 4.8; cf Rm. 12.9)
 - ✓ True and Noble
 - ✓ Just and Lovely
 - ✓ Good report
 - ✓ Virtuous and praiseworthy

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- Implications: What do I hold to exactly?
 - Morally: 1 Thess 4.1-8
 - ✓ How ought you to walk/please God (4.1) = Walk worthy (Eph 4.1)
 - ✓ Command of God = Will of God (4.2-3a)
 - ✓ Your sanctification = Abstain [keep your distance] from sexual immorality (4.3b)
 - ✓ Possessing one's vessel = No passion of lust (4.4-5)

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- Implications: What do I hold to exactly?
 - Morally: 1 Thess 4.1-8

- ✓ Taking advantage [exploit] another = The revenge of the Lord (4.6)
- ✓ God's call is not to uncleanness = God's call is to holiness (4.7)
- ✓ Rejection of the above = Rejecting God and his Spirit in you (4.8)

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Hold fast to what is good (5.21b)

► Implications: What do I hold to exactly?

- Ethically: 1 Cor 15.58
 - ✓ Steadfast [solidly in place, firmly establish-ed] in a particular position
 - ✓ Immovable [not easily shaken; unshaken];
 - ✓ Always abounding [more than what is expected; to have left overs] in the work of God Your labor is not in vain [purposeless]

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► Illustration: What does it look like?

- Joseph: Gen 37-50
 - ✓ Joseph is envied, hated & wanted dead
 - ✓ Instead he is sold as slave to another nation, culture & language
 - ✓ He is picked up by an executioner in Egyptian government
 - ✓ Whose wife hunts him down for a fling

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Hold fast to what is good (5.21b)

► Illustration: What does it look like?

- Joseph, phase one: Gen 37-39
 - ✓ What is his answer: "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God" (Gen 39.9)
 - ✓ He held fast to God even when he could have been bitter at God for all of his events
- Joseph, phase two: Gen 37-39
 - ✓ He is falsely accused, thrown into prison for at least two years

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► Illustration: What does it look like?

- Joseph, phase three: Gen 40-41
 - ✓ He assists the inmates under his charge by interpreting their dreams
 - ✓ What is his comment? "Do not interpretations belong to God...tell me them please" (40.8)
 - ✓ Delay: Two years later, Pharaoh has uninterpretable dreams & hears of Joseph & summons him

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Hold fast to what is good (5.21b)

► Illustration: What does it look like?

- Joseph, phase three: Gen 40-41
 - ✓ What does he do with this moment? "It is not with me, God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace" (41.17)
- Joseph, phase four: Gen 42-45
 - ✓ Joseph meets his brothers & calls the men to appear before him in total
 - ✓ He has the upper hand & can make them pay

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Hold fast to what is good (5.21b)

► Illustration: What does it look like?

- Joseph, phase four: Gen 42-45
 - ✓ What does he do when he could obtain revenge? "Do this and live, for I fear God" (42.18)
- Joseph, phase five, Gen 46-50
 - ✓ Revelation: Joseph tells his brothers who he is—a moment of celebration, shame, amazement
 - ✓ What does he say in this moment of truth? "Do not be grieved or angry with yourselves..."

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Hold fast to what is good (5.21b)

► Illustration: What does it look like?

- Joseph, phase five, Gen 46-49
 - ✓ What does he say in this moment of truth? "...for God sent me before you to preserve life...God sent me to preserve a posterity...it was not you who sent me, but God" (45.5-8)
 - ✓ The family moves over and settles in the best of the land as ranchers, even for Pharaoh
 - ✓ Jacob eventually passes on

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Hold fast to what is good (5.21b)

► Illustration: What does it look like?

- Joseph, phase six, Gen 50
 - ✓ The brothers are worried about retaliation from Joseph since their father is gone
 - ✓ They sheepishly approach their younger sibling
 - ✓ What does Joseph do in this moment? "Am I in the place of God...you meant evil, but God meant it for good...to save many people; do not be afraid...he

comforted them" (50.19-21)

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Abstain from every form evil (5.22)

► Vocabulary

- Abstain = ἀπέχω
 - ✓ Definition: To be at some distance or hold one's self from or to keep one's self from
 - ✓ Imagery: To hold off a ship from the shoreline or restrain from or avert the shoreline
- Every form = πᾶς = in totality & of each part
- Evil = εἶδος = morally or socially worthless, wicked, evil, bad, base, worthless, vicious, degenerate

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Abstain from every form evil (5.22)

► Illustration and application

- Christian Liberty: Rm 14.23-33 (cf. 1 Cor 8.1-13, 10.23-33)
 - ✓ Problem: Some brothers were bothered about unclean meat (i.e. had been offered to idols); 14.13-14
 - ✓ Principle: Don't stumble another nor destroy his conscience nor your reputation for Christ (14.15b-16)

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Abstain from every form evil (5.22)

► Illustration and application

- Christian Liberty: Rm 14.23-33 (cf. 1 Cor 8.1-13, 10.23-33)
 - ✓ Principle: God would rather there be peace & joy in the Spirit with a priority to build one another up (14.17-19)
 - ✓ Priority: Don't let the food you eat destroy another or the work of God if the meat is considered wrong by another (14.2)

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Abstain from every form evil (5.22)

► Illustration and application

- Christian Liberty: Rm 14.23-33 (cf. 1 Cor 8.1-13, 10.23-33)
 - ✓ Primacy: Don't do anything to stumble another or make him weak (14.21)
 - ✓ Precedent #1: Just because it is lawful, does make it helpful nor build up—don't seek your own satisfaction (1 Cor 10.23-24)

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► Illustration and application

- Christian Liberty: Rm 14.23-33 (cf. 1 Cor 8.1-13, 10.23-33)

- ✓ Precedent #2: All things are lawful, but don't be controlled by any one thing (1 Cor 6.12)
- Examples
 - ✓ Movies, magazines, website, social media
 - ✓ Alcohol/Recreation drugs
 - ✓ Gaming/Gambling

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Abstain from every form evil (5.22)

■ Illustration and application

- Abram, king of Sodom, and Melchizedek
 - ✓ Abram defeats the enemy/rescues Lot (Gen 14.1-17)
 - ✓ Melchizedek meets Abram—providing physical and spiritual nourishment (Gn 14.18-20)
 - ✓ Sodom's king offers Abram a lucrative deal (Gn 14.21)
 - ✓ Abram declines having taken an oath (Gn 14.22)

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■ Illustration and application

- Abram, king of Sodom, and Melchizedek
 - ✓ Abram did not want this person to have a claim in fulfilling God's promise to him (Gn 14.23)
 - ✓ Abram wanted the source of God's blessing to be only from God (Gn 14.23)
 - ✓ Abram, perhaps remembered how God felt about Sodom (Gen 13.12-13)
 - ✓ Abram withdrew from the appearance of evil