



“The Powerful Convicter: Holy Spirit”

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Too often when the Spirit of God convicts us, Satan comes in and tries to pervert that conviction into something that condemns and not transforms. As one writer notes, “The Holy

Spirit makes us aware of our lack of holiness to stimulate us to deeper yearning and striving for holiness. But Satan will attempt to use the Holy Spirit’s work to discourage us.” (Jerry Bridges). Today we want to discover that Spirit is involved in convicting people so they can be saved or grow in their sanctification. We need to respond to his convicting work properly

FIRST

I. Promise of the Spirit’s Conviction

A. Action – “He will convict” (Jn. 16:8)

B. Focus of the action

1. Revealing sin SEE: Ps. 139:23-24; Jer. 17:9; Ps. 51:1-12
2. Pointing to Righteousness SEE: Gal. 5:16-17; James 4: 17; Isa 6:5
3. Assuring individuals of their accountability to a holy God: – SEE: Rom. 2:5-8; 2 Cor. 5:10
4. Inviting Repentance SEE: Acts 2:37–41; Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17; 1 Jn. 1:9

SECOND

II. Process of Spirit’s convicting ministry using the Word of God

A. Way the HS convicts us – primarily by his Word
Works of the Spirit in and through the Word

1. _____ Jer. 1:5
2. _____ Ex. 24:3-4
3. _____ 2 Pt. 1:20-21

4. _____ Jer. 36

5. _____ 1Cor. 2:10-13

6. _____ Eph. 4:11-12

7. _____ Jn. 16:8

B. What response should we have to Spirit conviction – yield not resist – SEE: Acts 7:51; James 4:7-10

THIRD

III. Pictures of Spirit’s convicting ministry

A. Conviction leading to salvation – SEE: Acts 8:26-39

B. Conviction of sin in a saint’s life – SEE: 1 Cor. 5:1-13; 2 Cor. 2:1-8

C. Not all respond to the Spirit’s convicting work the same way.
SEE: Acts 28:23-31; 1 Cor. 3:5-8

RESPOND

1. Billy Graham said on one occasion, “It is the Holy Spirit’s job to convict, God’s job to judge and my job to love.” As we speak to people about the things of God we are to “speak the truth in love” Ephesians 4:15. Do people hear words that reflect the fruit of the Spirit or the condemnation of our flesh? SEE: Galatians 5:22-23

2. As we spend more time looking at the righteousness of God and realizing our own sinfulness then we might pray, “Oh, God show me more of Your holiness. Show me more of my sinfulness. Help me to hate sin and to love righteousness as You do. Grant me a deeper conviction of sin and a more thorough spirit of repentance. And make me holy as You are holy.” (Nancy Leigh DeMoss). That is where the Spirit’s conviction really comes alive in us!

3. Read Isaiah 6:1-8 several times this week and ask the Spirit of God to reveal something from Isaiah’s experience that might impact your life.