

Responding To The Holy Spirit

Acts 7:51

The Holy Spirit will NOT **FORCE** you to live a Spirit-Filled Life against your will.

Today, we look at **FOUR WAYS** Christian's **Respond** to the Holy Spirit that can **Strain** or **Permanently Damage** our Relationship with Him.

1. **RESISTING THE HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 7:51)**

- This is a **SIN** **Unbelievers** can **Commit** against the Holy Spirit.
- A person **Resists the Spirit** when **PRIDE** keeps them from **Submitting** to Christ.
- **Resisting the Spirit** may **ALSO** be **Standing Against** that which is **Holy & Good**.
- **Every Time** a person **Resists** God's Spirit, it's **Much More Difficult** come to Christ **LATER**.

2. **QUENCHING THE HOLY SPIRIT (1 Thessalonians 5:19)**

- **Believers** can **SIN** against the Spirit **EXTERNALLY**.
- Many times, **Believers just Say "NO"** to the Spirit's call to **Serve God**.
- When we **Fail to PRAY**, we **Quench the Spirit**. (v.17)
- When we **Fail to be THANKFUL**, we're **Quenching the Spirit**. (v.18)
- Many **Churches Quench** the Spirit by **Failing to REACH OUT** to the **LOST & HURTING**.

3. **GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT (Ephesians 4:30)**

- **Believers** can also **SIN** against the Spirit **INTERNALLY**.
- **It IS Possible** to **Hinder the Process of Sanctification**
- When you **SIN** against people who **LOVE You**, you can **Grieve them**. (Genesis 6:5-6)
- **Ephesians 4:25-31** give **Specific Sins** that **Grieve** the Holy Spirit.

4. **BLASPHEMING THE HOLY SPIRIT (Matthew 12:31-32)**

- When a person **Repeatedly "Resists" the Spirit**, it can **LEAD** to the **"Unpardonable Sin."**
- **THAT** may be the **"Point of NO RETURN."**
- **"Blaspheming the Holy Spirit"** is the deliberate, definite choice to **REJECT** God's offer to be **Saved** from sin.
- **WHAT do We DO** if we were to **RESIST, QUENCH, OR GRIEVE** the Spirit? (1 John 1:9)