

# INTIMACY



## John 14:15-27 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, keep my commands.

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

<sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” <sup>22</sup> Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

# 1) The Holy Spirit Advocates (vs. 16-20)



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The Holy Spirit's agenda is to confront  
anything anti-truth with the Truth

You cannot do what God has  
called you to do without the Holy Spirit

Consider how much supernatural resources are untapped because we have been ignorant of the Spirit's work

## 2) The Holy Spirit Indwells (vs. 21-23)



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<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

A) Intimacy with the Holy Spirit comes from a recognition of and respect for divinity





## **Romans 8:9 (NIV)**

“And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.”

You are either a Christian or not a Christian; you  
are either indwelled by the Holy Spirit or void of  
the Holy Spirit

B) Intimacy with the Holy Spirit comes from a body that is self-controlled



## 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.

The Holy Spirit's agenda is to confront  
anything anti-holy with Holiness

# 3) The Holy Spirit Teaches

(vs. 24-26)



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Do you have a teachable spirit?



“The Holy Spirit carries on in Christ’s absence  
as His “substitute teacher”.

*(Roy B. Zuck, Spirit-Filled Teaching)*

Intimacy with the Holy Spirit is less about speaking  
and more about listening

Sanctification is the process between “you are not who you used to be” and “you are not yet who you are meant to be”

“There is a tendency with the people to be seeking to speak with Tongues rather than seek the Baptism, and the Baptism rather than the Baptizer... Some have been baptized after waiting a few minutes, some in a few hours, some weeks, some months. God is the best judge as to when people are ready.”

*(The Promise, May 1907)*

The gift of tongues independently edifies oneself  
when speaking to God

The gift of tongues interdependently edifies the  
body of Christ when interpreted

# A) Do Not Grieve the Holy Spirit



## **Ephesians 4:30-31 (NIV)**

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Could you or I be hurting the Holy Spirit?



- After experiencing life in the Spirit, how can we revert to our foul former way of life, as if the Spirit does not live within us

## B) Do Not Quench The Holy Spirit



## 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt <sup>21</sup> but test them all; hold on to what is good, <sup>22</sup> reject every kind of evil.

Could you or I be hindering the work of the  
Holy Spirit?



Your spiritual vitality is intended to stir your  
missional vitality

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