

STUDY NOTES -

D.L. Moody said, “*You might as well try to hear without ears or breathe without lungs, as try to live a Christian life without the Spirit of God in your heart.*”

If you grew up in church, did you hear much about the person and work of the Holy Spirit? Tell us a little about your experience.

Many churches avoid much talk about the Spirit of God. Can you think of any reason why this might be?

What is the danger of ignoring the person and work of the Spirit?

Thinking back to Sunday’s service and the message, in what ways were you challenged, encouraged, or changed your thinking or actions?

In what ways can we open ourselves to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

In what ways can we quench or extinguish the work of the Spirit?

Read **John 6:44** and **John 16:8-10**.

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in salvation?

Read **Galatians 5:16-26**.

How does the Holy Spirit keep us from sin?

How does Paul contrast the works of the flesh (our sinful nature) and the fruit of the Spirit?

What is the difference between ‘works’ and ‘fruit’? Is this significant in our understanding of the Christian life?

How can we put ourselves in a place in our lives where the Holy Spirit can produce an abundance of spiritual fruit?

Take a look at the practical applications from Sunday.
Which of these spoke most powerfully to you?

What is that you will do differently this week based on this message?

GRACE NOTES

Series: FAMILY VALUES

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CORE VALUE -

God does His greatest work through Spirit-filled people.

It is God who does His work through us.

God can accomplish His purposes through anybody He chooses.

God is most glorified when His people filled with His Spirit are accomplishing His will.

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God’s Spirit in us is not only for our benefit and blessing; it is also for the benefit and blessing of His church!

God’s Spirit in us produces an overflowing joy anchored in a deep trust in a sovereign God, a trust that produces an attitude of constant and consistent thankfulness.

God’s Spirit in us to influence our attitudes and behaviors.

We cannot be the person God has called us to be or fulfill the mission God has called us to fulfill without the infilling and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

“Do not quench the Spirit.” (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

