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Images of the Holy Spirit- EXTRA Unleashing the Power of the Spirit

Images of the Holy Spirit: Counselor John 14:16,26

We are promised divine expertise in life

1. Explore the promise of the Spirit

A Helper at your side

A Counselor forever

A Comforter within you

2. Experience the power of the Spirit

Through awareness of His ministry

Through acknowledging His presence

Through applying His help

Conclusion:

Are you taking advantage of the expert assistance in your life?

Since the Holy Spirit indwells believers, is there anything we can do to enhance His ability to work in our lives? Is there anything that we do that hinders His work in our lives? God does allow us the choice to obey or disobey Him. While obedience is the way in which we show love for our Lord (John 14:15) we all at times struggle in this area and know we should do better. But do we often consider that our obedience or lack thereof directly impacts the Spirit's work in our lives? Two small verses will help us with this.

"Quench not the Spirit." (1 Thess. 5:19)

"To quench" means to "put out the fire." If we are resisting the Spirit's direction we are indeed putting ourselves in a place where He will not be as free to work. We sometimes call a failure to respond to His promptings a "Sin of Omission" -that is not doing something we should. If we are quick to say yes to His leading we will not quench the Spirit.

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

"To grieve" means to do something that hurts or offends another. This would be a sin of commission -that is doing something we should not. The Holy Spirit desires to guide us into all truth. If we live outside of the truth, the Spirit is grieved; we disappoint Him. If we choose to live within the confines of His Word, He will not be grieved.

Resolve to pray about your level of obedience this week in both of these areas.
-J. Waggoner