

THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

Yielding

- I. **The Holy Spirit can show up and want to do something but if He is not yielded to, He will be kept from doing what He wants-1Th5:19-Quench not the Spirit**
- A. We can quench the Holy Spirit-If He prompts you and you resist/don't yield that very moment He backs off-**Quench**-Still (stop), Repress (restrain, subdue), Extinguish (put an end to); Prevent from exerting full influence-**1Th5:19-WE-Do not stop the Spirit when He wants to do something-ER-Don't stop the work of the Holy Spirit-CEV-Don't turn away God's Spirit**
- B. We quench the Him by not yielding to Him/His prompting-By not doing what He prompts you do you stop Him from doing what He wants-**Ac7:51-Ye stiffnecked (obstinate-not yielding)...ye do always resist the Holy Ghost**
1. EX-Couldn't get my message He prompted me to take a drink/tongues
- C. Anytime the Holy Spirit is prompting you to do something, it's because He wants to do something-Miss out on encounters with Him by not yielding
1. EX-PD in the Mexican restaurant with the woman she didn't know
- D. When you yield to Him, you let Him-He starts to have influence and manifest Himself to you
- II. **For The Holy Spirit to have influence or to work in any environment He must be yielded to - In the yielding you find the encounter**
- A. The Holy Spirit had no influence until they yielded-He came, hovered, filled but they had to speak before He could give utterance-**Ac2:2-There came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it **sat** upon each of them (hover-flap wings as a fowl, hang over). ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance**
1. Sat upon them means to hover-The Holy Spirit will not come tangibly on a person who has not yielded to Him, barging in-**Mt3:16-He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him-Ac2:3-ER-The flames were separated and stood over each person there**
2. He's in the room because He wants to do something-But just being in the room He had no influence yet
3. He comes in the room and hovers and He's waiting for someone to yield to Him-He'll come into the room, hover and then you'll have a prompting to do something
4. Why would they speak in tongues?-They had a prompting to speak, but not in a tongue they knew
- B. One think keeping people from experiencing The Holy Spirit is they are waiting for Him to take them over and make them do something
1. THEY spoke in tongues-He didn't overtake them and make them speak in tongues, He prompted them and THEY spoke-**1Co14:14-For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth**
2. They spoke first because of prompting and then the Holy Ghost had the influence-In yielding they had an encounter, they spoke by inspiration-**Js4:8-Draw nigh unto God and He will draw nigh to you**

3. Speaking in tongues isn't a takeover but a choice to yield

C. When He came in the room and they had a prompting they could have not yielded and quenched what He wanted to do-But they yielded

1. The Holy Spirit can come into a structure-He can do that have no influence on the people there if they won't yield to Him

III. **The Holy Spirit doesn't do takeovers-Influencing people who won't yield**

A. Brother Keith-"If I ever pray in tongues it won't be me"-Never got filled because He was waiting for a takeover; He learned He had to yield

B. He leads us, works with us-He doesn't overtake us and work independent of us, but He will prompt us and see if we yield-Jn16:13-He will guide you into all truth-Rm8:14-As many as are led by the Spirit of God-Mk16:20-Lord working with them...confirming the word with signs following-1Co3:9-Laborers together with God

C. He's prompting, your yielding, He's manifesting, your enjoying-He shows up to help and He prompts you and if you yield you encounter Him

D. If He has any influence over you it'll be because you yield to Him-We yield to Him and as we do we enjoy His influence; The more you yield the more influence He gets

E. People think when the Holy Spirit moves He'll overtake us-This kind of thinking keeps us from experiencing His moving because it leaves us passively waiting for a takeover when we should be actively yielding

IV. **The moving of The Spirit works like this: Prompting > Yielding > Encounter**

A. If you want the Holy Ghost to move in your life do this-1.Express your desire to Him 2.Listen/Look for the prompting 3.Yield when they come -

B. When you get a prompting it's time to start yielding-And keep yielding until you sense the Holy Spirit did what He wanted to do; If you quit yielding before it happens, you'll miss out (Just like the first utterances you spoke in tongues you felt nothing)

C. If you see someone moving with the Spirit here's what you know, they have learned how to yield to Him-Annette Capps story

D. Learn to listen for the promptings and then be sensitive to yield-We have made the moving of the Holy Spirit so hard and it's NOT

E. Don't say we don't see The Holy Spirit move like that anymore-It's not His fault and He hasn't changed; He's the same and still wants to move, operate and work and He just needs some people who will listen and yield

F. You can yield or not yield; Sit there and look dumb if you want to-KH

V. **Yielding can feel like pretending because often promptings come with not feelings but if The Holy Spirit is prompting it, it's not pretending**

A. You must not pretend, but you do have to yield-If sense a prompting from the Holy Spirit you may not have the feelings, but you need to yield to it; When you do it's not pretending something is the Holy Spirit that isn't, it's yielding to what you believe to be the Holy Spirit

B. Many times the move of The Spirit begins with a prompting and no feelings-Yield to the Spirit and stop yielding to your feelings; You need to having your actions inspired by your feelings

C. No feelings, a prompting, yielding and then the experience