

“Don’t be a griever”

Ephesians 4:29-31

-Who does the scripture tell us “not to grieve?” The _____.

-The Holy Spirit is a person. He is the _____ of the Holy Trinity.

- You _____ one of the three persons of God and still have the God that we learn about in the Bible.

I: Characteristics of the Holy Spirit

A: We _____ the Holy Spirit when we are saved. (*Acts 2: 38-39*)

B: The Holy Spirit _____ within us, and we are his temple. (*1Cor 3:16, 1 Cor 6:19, Rom 8:11*) -I want my temple to be a place where the Holy Spirit desires to dwell.

C: He moves us towards _____, he speaks on behalf of the father, and show us things to come. (*John 16:12-15*) Why would we not want to listen to his voice?

D: The Holy Spirit _____. (*Rom 8:26-27*) As Christians we are not left to our own resources to cope with life’s problems. Even when we don’t know _____, the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf.

E: He is our _____. (*John 16:7*) The Holy Spirit gives us direct _____ to Jesus here on earth.

II: Paul’s 7

A: Corrupt Communication: Corrupt in Greek is _____, a word that depicts something that is *putrid* or _____. Have you ever smelled rotten meat? It will make you sick to your stomach.

-Communication in Greek is *logos*, which means _____. *Sapros* used in conjunction with *logos* describes words or forms of communication that are putrid or disgusting to the recipient. As far as God is concerned, this type of communication _____ in the church, it has no place anywhere.

B: Bitterness: Bitterness can get deep into our hearts. When a _____ is planted in our hearts, that seed can _____ and grow. (*Hebrews 12:14-15*) A bitter root forms when we allow _____ to grow into resentment. Many times, these disappointments come from _____.

C: Wrath/Rage: The Greek word for wrath is *thymos*. This implies something that is _____, fierce, and passionate. Think of a _____. Fires when tended can be life giving. Fires can however very quickly turn from a docile fire into a _____ if you are not careful.

-Our Tempers need to be _____! (*Proverbs 14:17*) A man of quick temper acts foolishly, and a man of evil devices is hated.

-The word tells us that the tongue has _____. It can bring life or death. (*James 3:1-12*)

D: Anger (*Eph 4: 25-27*) This is not righteous anger. Paul’s reference here is to a more worldly type of anger, which results from _____ in life. This is a persistent anger that becomes _____.

-Don’t give the devil a toehold. Spiritual strongholds _____. Toeholds become footholds; footholds become strongholds.

-How do we deal with anger. "Quick to hear, slow to _____, and slow to anger." (Jas 1:19-20) We can all work on this!

-Acronym _____ (Truthful, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind)

E: Clamor: Your version may have _____. It's a loud noise, _____, exclamation. Brawling is fighting. This can be verbal or physical.

-We do not want to have a _____ spirit. (Prov 17:14)

-Deal with it! Have the hard heart to heart _____.

F: Slander: Gossip and Slander are two different things. You can, however, slander when you gossip. Gossip is sharing information that _____ shared, and it may or may not be true.

- Slander is the sharing of _____ with the malicious intent to _____ the reputation of another.

-Slander is _____ and thought out. One day we will give _____ for every careless word we speak. (Psalm 101:5, Matt 12:36)

G: Malice: Malice comes out of a spirit to do _____ to someone. It comes out of a spirit of hate and _____. You want to have control and _____. It can be born out of jealousy.

-I believe malice is produced even when we don't act out. (1 John 3:15)

III: So, what's the bottom line?

-When we grieve the Holy Spirit, we create _____.

-We do not want the Holy Spirit to _____ from grief because of the sin in our lives. So, what are other ways we grieve the Holy Spirit?

A: When you choose not to _____ to his voice. We become prideful and selfish. We think we can do a _____ at running our lives than the Lord can.

B: We justify or bad behavior. We continue to _____ to our sin. (2 Peter 2:20-22) Do you return to specific sins in your life? (Lust, pride, bitterness, lack of quiet time and prayer, idolatry, are you called to serve and are not?)

C: We run and _____. This goes all the way back to the garden. (Genesis 3:8-10)

IV: What's the solution? (Proverbs 28:13)

A: Confess and _____. The moment there is _____ the Holy Spirit will come running. His ministry is to show us the forgiving love of the Father.

B: Remember that word "sealed?" (with whom you are sealed for the day of redemption)

-Ephesians 1: 13-14 We are _____ with God's seal. It is a _____ He will do what he promises. The Holy Spirit is the validating signature on our contract of inheritance into the kingdom.

**Will you be on the plane when it lands at the
guaranteed destination?**

