

Youth Bible Study Lesson 18

Memory verse I Cor. 6:19, 20

I Tim. 4:12 "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

We have come to the area of "in spirit" in our verse. This is the spirit with a small s.

When we were born into this world our spirit (the immaterial part of us that knows, thinks and is able to be God-conscious) was dead to God.

Eph. 2:1 "And you hath he quickened, who were _____ in trespasses and sins;" vs. 5 "Even when we were _____ in _____"

Eph. 4:18 "...being _____ from the _____ of _____"

Col. 2:13 "And you, being _____ in your _____"

We were spiritually dead.

But when the light of the gospel shined in our hearts and by faith we believed the word of God, that Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again, we were quickened, made alive unto God. Look back at Eph. 2:1 & 2:5, Col. 2:13.

1. The believer's spirit is now alive unto God and we now are able to receive the things of God.

I Cor. 2:12 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the _____ which is of God; that we might _____ the things that are _____ given to us of God." The Holy Spirit takes the word of God and instructs our regenerated spirit.

I have heard many eloquent messages on I Cor. 2:9 "..._____ hath not _____, nor _____ heard, the _____ which _____ hath prepared for them that love him." In which the speaker talks of the impossibility to know or imagine all the wonders God is waiting to display in glory. But if we read verse 10 we find "But God _____ them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the _____ of God." Even the deep things of God are for our understanding. These are the things that we should be communicating to others.

II Thess. 1:8 "For from you _____ out the _____ of the _____ ..."

Titus 2:1 "But speak the things that become _____."

Our spirit should be exemplifying the things of God to others. Instead of the believer's spirits exemplifying the things of God to others, we find many believers enamored with men. Professors, politicians, talk show hosts, celebrities, athletes can become our touch stone for truth. Our spirit receives the things of God (sound doctrine) through the study of the word and that should be the basis for all our thinking. What we think about politics, romance, the environment, our dress, entertainment, war, capital

punishment, you name it, should be a result of God's Word and not what we hear from Oprah.

Lesson 18 Continued

II Cor. 1:12 "...not with _____ wisdom..."

I Cor. 3:19 "For the _____ of this _____ is _____ with God..."

2. The believer's spirit now belongs to God and should glorify Him.

Our bodies have become the temple of the Holy Spirit.

I Cor. 6:19 "What? know ye not that your _____ is the _____ of the Holy Ghost which is _____ you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"

As believers we have been made alive, quickened, regenerated. Our bodies are now God's dwelling place.

It is only reasonable that Paul goes on to say in I Cor. 6:20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore _____ God in your _____, and in your _____, which are God's."

Instead of the believer's spirit exemplifying that we belong to God and glorifying God, we see many believers copying the world. Wanting to "fit in" with the world.

Rom. 12:2 "And be not _____ to this _____."

II Tim. 2:19 "...Let every one that nameth the name of Christ _____ from _____."

3. The believer's spirit should manifest the life of Christ.

Your spirit and your body now belong to God. In fact, in Rom. 8:15, 16 we read "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, _____, _____." Vs. 16 "The Spirit itself _____ with our _____, that we are the _____ of _____:"

My children bear my resemblance. Many times people will say, "I can tell you are a Miller". They look like us to different and varying degrees. That's what happens in families. We are part of God's family and our spirit will know this reality. (through the word of God)

Our spirit should be manifesting the life of Christ, looking like the family he is now a part of.

II Cor. 4:10, 11 "Always bearing about in the _____ the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the _____ also of _____ might be made _____ in our _____. Vs. 11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus sake, that the _____ also of _____ might be made _____ in our _____ flesh."

Lesson 18 Continued

Our spirit, now alive to God, receives the things of God, belongs to God and should glorify God and knows that we are children of God!

Are we exemplifying these glorious truths to others?

So often believers deny these truths in their experience.

4. Our spirit should be characterized by fervency.

Rom. 12:11 "Not slothful in business; _____ in _____; serving the Lord."

Acts 18:25 said of Apollos, "This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being _____ in the _____, he taught _____ the _____ of the _____, ..."

Side note, Apollos only knew the circumcision gospel but thank God for Aquila and Priscilla who expounded mystery truth to him) Acts 18:24-28

Fervent is a word we are sometimes afraid of. It is used 9 times in scripture. In II Peter 3:10, 12 we see that the elements will melt with _____ heat. There's some hot boiling heat there! Our spirit should be moved, stirred, hot with desire to serve the Lord.

Might it be our prayer that our spirit is receiving the things of God, exemplifying the things of God, glorifying God and manifesting the life of Christ to the world.

This is the will of God concerning you!

Lesson 18 Comments and Answers

Correction – II Thes. 1:8 should be I Thes. 1:8

dead	glorify
dead	body
sins	spirit
alienated	conformed
life	world
God	depart
dead	iniquity
sins	Abba
spirit	Father
know	bearth
freely	witness
eye	spirit
seen	children
ear	God
things	body
God	life
hath	Jesus
revealed	manifest
deep	body
things	life
sounded	Jesus
word	manifest
Lord	mortal
sound	fervent

doctrine spirit
fleshly fervent
wisdom spirit
world diligently
foolishness things
body Lord
temple fervent
in

I hope your spirit has been receiving (via the word of God) the things of God this week. I also hope that you've been "sounding" those things out to others. Have you been rejoicing throughout the week in having the assurance, comfort and peace in the Holy Spirit's communion with your spirit that you're God's child? Have you had to use the fire hose to cool down your fervent spirit?? I hope so!