GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ephesians 4:22-32

Have you ever wondered why God isn't answering your prayers?

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Have you ever questioned why things in your life keep going wrong?

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Have you ever doubted that God was even listening to you?

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Sometimes in our lives the Lord seems silent, but that doesn't mean that He isn't listening to us or answering our prayers. Sometimes, God is saying "no" to our requests. Sometimes, He is saying "wait". However, more often than not, there are things in our lives that grieve the Holy Spirit and hinder His work in our lives.

We all want God's blessing, but we don't want to necessarily live for Him. **We want what we want when we want it**! Society's norm says, "Give me something for nothing."

Look at today's passage. There are some things that we must be willing to "put off" in order for the Lord to work in our lives.

What does verse 25 say that we must be willing to "put off"?

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What does verse 26 say about our anger? _____

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SIMPLE TRUTH

God holds us responsible for our actions. God measures our love and devotion toward Him in the way that we treat others around us. You are accountable to God for YOUR actions alone.

Do you feel that you are living a life that is pleasing to God? If not, why? _____

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List some areas in your life that you are experiencing weakness. (thought life, relationships, temptations, temper, patience, finance, etc.)

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We cannot live a Christian life in our own strength. We must be reminded that our power comes solely from Christ. When we are weak, He is strong. He gives us the power to overcome our weaknesses. We must learn to be honest with Him about these areas.

SIMPLE PRAYER

Pray that God will give you strength where you are weak.
Ask Him to teach you to be more like Him.
Allow yourself to be honest with Him.

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