

## Putting Out the Spirit

### The Spirit's Work

#### Works done for / to us

1. Give Scripture – 2 Pet 1:20-21, 2 Tim 3:16; John 14:26, 15:26, 16:12-15
2. Convicts – John 16:8; Zech 12:10
3. Regenerates – John 3:5-8, 6:63; Titus 3:5; Acts 16:14
4. Seals for Eternity – Eph 1:13
5. Gives Gifts – 1 Cor 12:7-11

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6. Assures – Rom 8:16, 2 Pet 1:10-11, 1 Jn 3:18-19; 4:12-21
7. Sanctifies – Rom 8:12-14, 2 Cor 3:18, Gal 5:16,25; 1 Peter 1:2
8. Enlightens – 1 Cor 2:12-16, Eph 1:18-19, 2 Tim 2:7
9. Fills – Acts 4:31, 13:52, Eph 5:18-21  
(note – the 9 instances in Acts 2-13, the filling immediately resulted in enthusiastic service or bold evangelism)
10. Bears Fruit – John 15:5, Gal 5:22-23

Paul has a particular concern in our text, a critical quenching activity that we must avoid – v. 20.

*... despising prophecies*

#### 1) Neglect – v. 20

“don’t treat them as nothing”

*2 Peter 1:19 – We have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention, as to a lamp shining in a dark place.*

Hebrews 2:1-4...

#### 2) Accepting without Examining – v. 21

*1 John 4:1 says, Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

*Acts 17:11 – examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so...*

### 3) Failing to Embrace – v. 21-22

#### Praxis

1. Which would you prefer – a complete body of written prophecies, or prophets who continually gave new prophecies for your situation? Why?
2. What are some things you could “neglect” in order to keep from “neglecting” the reading and meditation in God’s Word?
3. “To fail to plan is to plan to fail.” Discuss together your various plans for reading / meditating in God’s Word. Discuss the benefits of each, and what keeps you from it.
4. How might you help others in your church be able to better evaluate / avoid errant Bible teaching and teachers?
5. Thought Question: BCO has 25+ formal teachers every week, and many more who rotate with them. Square the caution of James 3:1 with the need and calling for many teachers in the church (Rom 15:14, Heb 5:12, 1 Thess 5:14, 2 Tim 2:15,24-25). What are some characteristics then of good Bible teachers?