Offenses Against the Holy Spirit!

- **Resisting the Holy Spirit!**
  - **"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit as your fathers did, so do you!" Acts 7.15**
  - **The Holy Spirit speaks to the hearts of unbelievers to lead them to God, patient and persistent, but they have free will to resist, and refuse! Genesis 6.3 Acts 6.10**

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- **Insulting the Holy Spirit!**
  - **"Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who ahs trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" Hebrews 10.29**
  - **Something here for believer/unbeliever alike!**

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- **Blaspheming the Holy Spirit!**
  - **"I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the one to come."**
    Matthew 12.31,32

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  - **This is obviously the most serious offense against the holy Spirit, for Jesus said there is no forgiveness for those who commit it.**
  - **The context helps us understand what it is**
    - **The Pharisees were accusing Jesus of working miracles by the power of the devil instead of Holy Spirit power!**

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  - **“To condemn the Christ as a gluttonous man and a wine-bibber, as breaking the Sabbath, or blaspheming when He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," was to speak a word against the Son of Man. These offences might be sins of ignorance, not implying more than narrowness and prejudice… but to see a man delivered from the power of Satan unto God, to**

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  - **watch the work of the Spirit of God, and then to ascribe that work to the power of evil, this was to be out of sympathy with goodness and mercy altogether. In such a character there was no opening for repentance, and therefore none for forgiveness. The capacity for goodness in any form was destroyed by this kind of antagonism." –Ellicott**

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  - **Jesus is issuing a warning, and not saying that these guys had actually gone over…**
  - **But a person who shares the level of antagonism toward God to identify His works as works of evil… shares in the devil's condemnation!**
  - **But this isn't a sin of ignorance, or deception, but of being totally reprobate!**

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- **Grieving the Holy Spirit!**
  - **"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice!" Ephesians 4.30,31**
  - **Don't make Him sad, sorrowful by remaining in the days of darkness from which you were delivered!**

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  - **He desires the best for us, is jealous for us, and is grieved with intentional stagnation, complacency, and ungodlike actions!**

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- **Lying to the Holy Spirit!**
  - **"Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? Acts 5.3**
  - **When we consecrate things to the Lord and don't follow through, we are lying to the Holy Spirit.**
  - **"Better to not say a thing than to say it and not do it!" Ecclesiastes 5.4-6**

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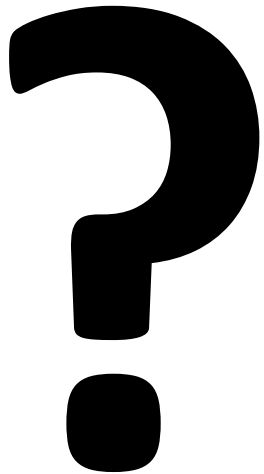
- **Quenching the Holy Spirit!**
  - **"Do not quench the Spirit!" 1Thesalonians 5.19**
  - **To quench something is to try and put out a fire!**
    - **Fear, unbelief, criticism, manipulation can all serve to put out our, or someone else's, fire!**
    - **Be sure, or don't!**