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Follow the Holy Spirit

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TODAY'S READING: Ephesians 4

In Ephesians 4, Paul instructs believers on how to live in unity and maturity within the Body of Christ. He emphasizes the importance of maintaining the bond of peace and walking in a manner worthy of our calling as followers of Christ. Central to this calling is the role of the Holy Spirit, who seals and empowers believers for their journey of faith.

Paul's admonition not to grieve the Holy Spirit reminds us of the Spirit's presence and sensitivity in our lives. The Spirit is not merely an impersonal force but a divine Person who dwells within us, guiding, comforting, and empowering us for godly living.

Here are some ways to apply this to our lives:

- Acknowledge the Presence of the Holy Spirit: If you follow Jesus, recognize the
 presence of the Holy Spirit in your life. Cultivate a sensitivity to His leading and
 guidance in your daily walk with God.
- Guard Against Grieving the Spirit: Be mindful of your attitudes, actions, and words, knowing that they can either honor or grieve the Holy Spirit. Seek to live in a way that brings joy and delight to Him.
- <u>Yield to the Spirit's Work</u>: Surrender to the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in your life. Allow Him to convict, empower, and mold you into the image of Christ, enabling you to live a life that glorifies God.
- <u>Grow Up in Every Way into Christ</u>: Personal growth in Christ is not static. It involves continually seeking to know Him better and to conform more closely to His image. Engage with scripture, prayer, and the church community to foster spiritual maturity.

As we walk in fellowship with the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to guide and empower us, we experience the fullness of life and purpose that God intends for His children. Let us, therefore, cherish and honor the presence of the Spirit in our lives, yielding to His transformative work as we journey toward the day of redemption.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, thank You for the precious gift of Your Holy Spirit, who dwells within those who have received You, as a seal and guarantee of salvation. Help us honor and reverence the presence of the Spirit in our life, guarding against anything that would grieve Him. Empower us to yield to His leading and guidance, that we may walk in unity and maturity as a faithful follower of Christ. May our lives be a testimony to Your grace and glory.

TOMORROW'S READING: 2 Peter 1

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