

# Beltway Park

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*Text: Ephesians 4:22-32 (p.1158)*

### What does it mean to \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit?

It's difficult for us to believe that our actions or inactions can illicit \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

Many of us think God must be this \_\_\_\_\_ being, utterly unmoved by this world. That is not what the Bible reveals.

Human beings are made in the image of God, including our emotions. Emotions are not the result of sin. But like everything else, our emotions have been messed up by \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't take this too far. God is not like us in making \_\_\_\_\_ and foolish decisions based on the emotions of the moment.

Who we are and what we do affects the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ much like a child affects the heart of a parent.

We \_\_\_\_\_ the Spirit when we don't stay in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit. (*Gal. 5:25*)

You only grieve when you love. We do more than \_\_\_\_\_ God; we grieve God because He loves us so much.

When we stay in step with His Spirit, it leads us to Him and to the life He wants us to have. And like any loving parent, it grieves the heart of God when we refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ Him to lead us to the great life He desires for us to have.

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## \_\_\_\_\_ do we grieve the Holy Spirit?

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Most people have been trained that God's Spirit doesn't work today like He did in the Bible. We don't \_\_\_\_\_ God to lead us, to work in us or through us.

The doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_ says that God has ceased to work in the modern day as He used to work in the days of Scripture.\*

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The enemy will \_\_\_\_\_ mankind to abuse anything and everything of God. And then he will deceive those of us who see the imperfections and abuses of others to overreact and miss so much of what God has for us. (*1 Thess. 5:19-22*)

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We're afraid God \_\_\_\_\_ God doesn't always feel compelled to do things the exact way we think He should.

We're afraid of \_\_\_\_\_. We're afraid that if we abandon ourselves really to God's leadership, that what we will do and where we will go won't be good or satisfying.

We're afraid of what others may \_\_\_\_\_ about us.

Reading this week: *Surprised by the Power of the Spirit*, chapters 6-7.

\*Chapters 6-8 along with appendices 2-3 address the doctrine of cessationism biblically and thoroughly.

For further study:

- "Why I Believe in the Supernatural," a four-part series by David McQueen available on the para•normal page of [beltway.org](http://beltway.org) or in our Learning Center.
  - *The Sensitivity of the Spirit* by R.T. Kendall
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