

Workshop for Pastors and Church Leaders

How to Keep in Step with the Spirit

1. Exposition of Gal. 5:22-26
The fruit of the Spirit is the moral profile of Jesus
2. Exposition of 1 Pet. 4:10-11
The gifts of the Spirit constitute the ongoing ministry of Jesus
3. Problems and pitfalls in charismatic circles
Elitism and pride
Experience-centeredness
Eccentricity
Excess
4. Problems and pitfalls in holiness circles
Elitism and pride
Experience-centeredness
Unreality
Passivity
5. Cultivating virtues: habits
disciplines
self-examination
6. Cultivating gifts: the spirit of service
the inclining of the heart
the acceptance of the fellowship's judgment
7. Quenching and grieving the Spirit: 1 Thess. 5:19; Eph. 4:30

Questions for Discussion

1. How far do the assessments offered in the talk match your observations and experiences in pastoral ministry?
2. What factors do you see quenching and grieving the Spirit in congregations you know and serve?
3. Workshop conclusion: write yourself a memo outlining a plan for teaching the way of life in the Spirit to the congregation you regularly serve.