

ARE YOU BEING STIRRED?

Judges 13²⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times KJV
²⁵ and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him NIV

God deals with the individual then the masses.
If we are not stirred our city will not be reached.

God works through human personality. What is the divine without man?
What is man without the divine? When the two come together it is glorious.

Judges is a book filled with bloodshed, strife, and unrest. Yet in the middle of a crisis is an example of God touching a man.

DOCTRINE OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD

The word “move” portrays inspiration.

It is the same word used in **Gen. 1:2** And the Spirit of God **moved** upon the face of the waters.

What was the world like? It was in chaos, without form and void.
How did God bring order? By the moving of his Spirit.

People come to church in the same condition; empty, void, and looking for God to create order out of their chaos.

What he has done for the earth he will do for a seeking soul.

Peter uses the same word “holy men of God spake as they were moved upon by the Holy Spirit.” 2PE 1: 2

THREE MEANINGS FOR THE WORD MOVE

1. TO THRUST OR PUSH - “the Spirit of God began to thrust or push him at times”.

When Jesus entered the wilderness to be tested he “was driven of the Spirit”. He didn’t want to go hungry and thirsty but the Spirit impelled him.

Jesus said, “Pray the Lord of the harvest that he will **send** (thrust, force, or impel) laborers into the harvest.”

Our desire is that you will allow the Holy Spirit to work.

It takes a willful rejection to avoid the involvement God wants you to have.

*He may stir you to **fast**

*He may stir you to **prayer**

*He may stir you to use your **gift**.

1 Timothy 1⁶ Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. KJV

OBEY the impulses of God. You may not understand but do it!

2. DISTURB- “The spirit began to disturb him at times”- **CONVICTION**

Sometimes the impulses come in the form of painful conviction.

John 16 ⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, **he will convict the world** of guilt in regard to **sin and righteousness and judgment**:

Conviction means: the act of **convincing a person of error** or of **compelling the admission of a truth**.

- A. why isn't someone doing something about this need?
- B. can't sleep because you are restless about something that you really don't understand
- C. a truth or challenge has been placed in your spirit and you can't get away from it.

3. TO BEAT PERSISTENTLY- “The Spirit began to beat upon the anvil in him”- **MOLDING**

He beats, breaks, blows, shapes, us for his cause.

Perhaps this is what Paul is referring to when he said, “I die daily”.

Allow him to cut the things of the world from you.

Ill. Like the potter breaking the vessel so God can make us over.

It is the pounding that Moses took on the back side of the desert that would make him the great leader of Israel.

Samson was a judge in Israel for 20 years. He had not been trained but he did it by the Spirit.

Will you allow the Holy Spirit stir or move upon you to thrust you into action? To disturb and convict your peace? To reshape your life for service?