

EIGHT THINGS TO AVOID CONCERNING THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Avoid **not** having a desire for Him.

Gal. 3³ Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

Zec. 4 6...Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord.

We will never be as successful in the work of the Lord by using human effort. We must have the help of the Holy Spirit.

2. Avoid not recognizing him as a **person**.

- * The Holy Spirit should never be referred to as “it”!
- * The Holy Spirit should never be considered merely as a blessing, a feeling, or an influence.
- * That he is a person is manifest by the following:
He teaches, talks, feels (grieved), can be blasphemed, comforts, guides, testifies, intercedes for the saints, commands, can be lied to, and can be quenched.

3. Avoid being **sacrilegious** concerning the Holy Spirit.

- * To make fun of or imitate tongues or the gifts of the Spirit. It would be like mocking the crucifixion or blood of Jesus.
- * Do not deny the power of tongues or the gifts.

How would you feel if someone mocked your gift?
How would you feel if someone shunned your gift?

4. Avoid not recognizing Him as **God!**

- * He is part of the water baptism formula.
- * He has all the attributes of God:
Omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal.
- * He raised Jesus from the dead.

Rom. 1⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

- * His proceeding from the Father and from Christ proves his deity.

John 15²⁶ “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

