

The Holy Spirit - Part 6

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of the Holy Spirit's guidance in communication and the need for Christians to embody gentleness and respect in their interactions with others.

Duration: 9:33

Scripture: Proverbs 15:1, Proverbs 25:11, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 4:6, James 1:19

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of being led by the Holy Spirit in sharing the message of God, highlighting the need to avoid offending others and to wait for God's guidance before speaking about sin and judgment. It shares a personal story of a challenging child and the lesson of patience and maturity in dealing with difficult situations. The speaker stresses the value of being a gentleman or gentlewoman in representing Christ, avoiding unnecessary offense and relying on God's wisdom for effective communication.

Transcript

You're all going to hell! And so he started quoting a few verses to his flea from the raft to come and the judgments and come to Jesus and you all gonna... two minutes later they stopped the tram and the conductor took him and he ran him and threw him out of the door. And he went on his face on his body into the pavement. Oh he got hurt, although he didn't, he wasn't just on his feet, he was on his face, sprawled, hurting, wounded.

And the bus drove off and nobody looked back to see him, they just drove off and left him. And he got up, oh he was hurting. He was hurting more inside than outside.

I mean there's the shame, the humiliation of being treated like an animal to sprawl into your face. Here he's standing there trying to regain some composure and feeling hurt and wounded. And suddenly God said to him in his heart, deep in his heart, it was not me that told you to do that, my son.

It was not me that told you to do that. Let the Holy Spirit lead you as to when to speak to men about God and about sin and about judgment. Or don't speak.

Trust me about that. You'll just do damage. You have not been given the right to offend when you got saved because people are going to hell.

You have no right to offend. And if you offend, it has to be only people who are so evil that they will be offended and anybody righteous. But you've been given the right to become a gentleman, sir, for the first time, a real gentleman.

Christians are gentlemen. Christians are gentlewomen. No offense is required.

You have no right to offend. You've been given a common sense by God, put in by the Holy Ghost. And I've learned by gracious godly people that the more of a gentleman you are, the more you are Christ-like.

Not the offensiveness or how many people you can leave running for the rest of their lives, most of them, from God because of the way you had no common sense. Be careful. Be careful.

The closer you are to Christ, I guarantee you, the more of a gentleman you are, until written across your life is respect by godless people, by your life that gives them the right. Trust God by the communing in the morning with God to lead you and to guide you and to speak to you when to speak, but otherwise to keep your mouth tight and let your life to the speaking. He will lead you if you wait for him.

And you would suddenly find God saying to your common sense, that's what he speaks to, what you know. This is the right time, son. Now you're not going to offend him in front of all his friends standing there where he's got to defend himself.

Now's the time he's alone. And after a while you know he's respecting your life. Now speak, but be careful how far you go.

There are very few times that you suddenly can stand up and just cry out without any invitation by the right your life is giving you or them asking you. Wait for God's guidance or all you do is damage. Like Mr. McFarlane, you just get mirrors.

You just get thrown out of buses. You just get sprawled on and wounded and walking around wounded saying, what have I done wrong? And just have shame on your life in the end if you don't wait for the Holy Spirit's guidance. I'd like to write a book one day, you know.

They've tried to got me to write books for the last couple of years and I just can't. I said, but how does a preacher write books? I'm preaching just about every night of my life, you know, with that costs. How am I gonna get to write books? And now they're taking my sermons and they're writing them out for me.

I don't mind them. The Americans really do things, don't they? God bless them, but I suppose I'll have to get writing and I'm trying. Believe it or not, one of these days we will try and put books up.

But I think the first book I'd like to write is this will be the title, How Not to Do the Work of God. How Not to Do the Work of God. I don't know who'll buy it.

Chapter 1, How Not to Witness. I have three sons, my darlings and my wife's darlings. They're our joy.

They're so different, you can't believe they came from the same father and mother. Are your children like that? My eldest is six foot four. Well, he's high as can be.

Takes a size 14 boot. He's an embarrassment with a big boot like that. And then he has another brother.

He's 19. He's no. Then there's Roy.

He's 17. He just turned 18 three days ago. Roy, uniquely different personality.

Then there's little Samuel. He's 10 years old, the darling of the home completely. We don't all, we all just love little Samuel.

But Roy, Roy was the problem child. Have you got a problem child in your home? Well, Roy was our problem child. He was such a problem that he left people gasping for breath.

We didn't know what he was gonna do next, you know. I mean, I've never seen a man nearly die in the pulpit apart from when Roy was in the congregation. I saw a man nearly dying through my son.

I saw people gasping and groaning and the man in the pulpit hanging on. I won't tell you what Roy did. We tried to quiet him.

We tried to shut his mouth. We tried everything, you know. We never went back to the church, of course.

We had many wonderful times with Roy, but we got exasperated and we went to a doctor, to a specialist across the country to find out what to do. We were given advice by our doctor to go to this child specialist and have some sort of treatment or something. So this fellow made a lot of tests and he said, your son is hypoactive.

So I said, hypoactive? What does it mean? I know what hyperactive is. Hyperactive is, you know, when a child can't sit still and can't keep quiet. You put a plug in his mouth, he's still making a noise, you know, and chain him to the chair and he's still trying to move.

That's hyperactive. So he said, no, hypoactive is hyperactive multiplied by one million. I said, oh.

And I looked at my wife and I said, we're going through quite a time and we're scared. Even the principal has called us into the school. And I said, you know, we need help.

Can't you give medication, anything? We don't know what to do. So he said, no, well there's Ritz-A-Doon, but I don't recommend it. He said, listen, you grow out of it.

He said, there's no medication that really helps you. He's going to grow out of it. Maturity comes.

You can't make a child mature. That comes. The moment he's mature, it'll all be gone.

You've just got to wait. Until then, you will age. I looked at this man and I thought, is he really trying to be funny? You will age.

We aged. Oh, we aged. Dear Roy, oh I love him, you know, but Roy put us through, he put the whole family through an aging process.

One day, we were waiting in a queue along a beach. We were going along the beachfront, the seashore, on a hot summer's day in Africa. We don't go where the crowds are for many reasons, but we were walking along and there was a big sign on the top of a building with a big ice cream, you know, about a hundred feet into the air, this ice cream all swirling up, a big painting, that ice creams were being sold there on this hot day.

And I tell you, no one could pass it. You're all hot and they shouldn't be allowed to put those signs up because we're all just drawn to it and our crowd roids us points and that's the way I just go. So we got

there and there were everybody, I don't know how many people, two long rows coming out of the ice cream parlor there, this ride down onto the street in long rows.

Eventually, we got to the door, no one was speaking, everybody was just thinking of the ice cream, those deadly signs in these queues. Even the children were just waiting to get there, you know. We got inside and there was about 20 people in this queue, in this row, and there's 20 people there inside now and then right outside, deadly silence, and suddenly there was a man smoking.

But he, I don't know what was quite wrong with him, he was in a bit of a state because he really was smoking. You know, just smoke coming up and I looked at him and I felt a bit sorry for him, but Roy looked at him and Roy said, stop! Everybody looked and this man looks at him and Roy says, stop! You know, with his horror in his eyes. So the man says, what's wrong with you, Roy? Stop smoking now, he says.

Put it out! Put it out! So the man looks at me and I said, Roy, stop! He said, put it out now! So the man, he says, you're

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