

Jude 1:17 - 25 (NASB)

¹⁷But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁸that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.”

¹⁹These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

²²And have mercy on some, who are doubting;

²³save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

²⁴Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,

²⁵to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

1. Who are the troublemakers in the church?

Answer: People who pretend to be saved or try to portray that they are special/superior to others.

Jude 1:17 - 19 (NLT)

¹⁷But you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ said.

¹⁸They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers whose purpose in life is to satisfy their ungodly desires.

¹⁹These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God’s Spirit in them.

- **2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT)** ⁵They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!
- **2 Thessalonians 3:11 - 15 (KJV)**

¹¹For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.
¹²Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.
¹³But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.
¹⁴And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.
¹⁵Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

2. What does it really mean to pray in the Spirit?

Jude 1:20 (KJV) ²⁰But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

What does it mean to “pray in the Holy Spirit”? Answer:

- *It means to pray with the power of the Holy Spirit and according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Our prayers should agree with the Word. The Holy Spirit prays on behalf of believers opens their minds to Jesus (John 14:26), and teaches believers more about their Lord (John 15:26).*
- *This most likely can include, but is not limited to, prayer in tongues.*
- *You pray to know God’s mind before you insist on telling God about your opinions or wants.*

- *You are more content in God's assurance than whether your petitions get answered today.* Therefore the Holy Spirit intercedes for us before the Father with genuine sympathy and inexpressible fervor.

- **Romans 8:26 - 27 (KJV)**

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Of course, the Spirit's will and the Father's will—and even praying in Jesus' name—are one and the same. When we pray **in the Holy Spirit** we submit ourselves to Him, rest on His wisdom, seek His will, and trust in His power

- **1 John 5:14 - 15 (NLT)**

¹⁴And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him.

¹⁵And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

Ephesians 6:18 (NASB)

¹⁸With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

3. Is praying in the Spirit and praying in tongues the same thing?

Answer: No. When we pray in the Spirit it is the Holy Spirit who is doing it in and through us.

The Word of God and prayer certainly go together (Acts 6:4), so as believers we practice praying the Word. Proclaiming to God what he has already declared in scripture. When a believer is yielded to the Spirit, then the Spirit will assist in his/her prayer life, and God will answer prayer! We are permitted to speak/pray in tongues privately or publically where an interpreter reveals to the assembly what was spoken. (Read 1 Cor. 14:26-33)

1 Corinthians 14:15 (NLT) ¹⁵Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

1 Corinthians 14:23 (NLT) ²³Even so, if unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your church meeting and hear everyone speaking in an unknown language, they will think you are crazy.

- As Christians, we may pray in solitude (Matt. 6:6), but we never pray *alone*; His Spirit prays through us and for us!
- The Spirit of God joins with us as we pray (Rom. 8:26-28) because He knows the mind of God and can direct us. He can give us wisdom and knowledge from the Word (Eph. 1:15).
- He can also help us approach the Father through the access we have in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:18).
- The Spirit motivates us to pray, for He is "the Spirit of grace and of supplications" (Zech. 12:10).

As believers, we do most things *in the Spirit*:

1. Galatians 5:16, "**Walk by the Spirit.**"
2. Romans 8:13, "**Put to death the deeds of the body by the Spirit.**"
3. 1 Corinthians 12:3, "**Say Jesus is Lord by the Spirit.**"
4. Philippians 3:3, "**Worship by the Spirit.**"

Monday Morning Moment: Action Step ---"To agree with the Word, we must stay in the Word!"

1 John 5:14 - 15 (KJV)

¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

¹⁵And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.