

DO NOT GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

Grieve = offend, make sorry

OPENING QUESTION: What are some attitudes that offend you? How do these attitudes make you feel? What is it about these attitudes that are offensive?

The bible says that we actually have the potential to grieve the Holy Spirit. In other words, some of our actions can offend and make sorry the Holy Spirit of God.

TEXT: Eph 4.29-32

In this context, what things 'grieve' the HS?(unwholesome talk v29; bitterness, anger, unforgiveness, etc)

What exactly is "unwholesome talk?" (Corrupt, rotten, poor quality)

The standard in v29 is, "do not let **any** unwholesome talk come out of your mouths". Why is it so hard to practice this standard?

How would you rate what "comes out of your mouth"? (Unwholesome or beneficial?) Why would the Spirit be grieved by this kind of talk?

Why is it important that the HS seals us for the day of redemption? How can this motivate you to steer clear of offensive attitudes?

V31 Why do you think these attitudes are included in this passage? (They are all aimed at someone or something; their attitude is opposite of the HS) Why would the HS be grieved at these attitudes?

How often do these attitudes appear in your life?

What is the remedy the author gives to combat the attitudes in v31? (V32 has the answer)

What is the standard for forgiveness in v32? How can we apply this principle in our relationships?

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We've all been offended or hurt by certain attitudes; we know how it feels to be hurt and offended. It's even more important to identify attitudes that offend the HS. The HS should encourage us to watch our attitudes and behavior knowing we possess the potential to hurt God. If you're uncertain how to listen to the HS, or uncertain about the HS in general, we encourage you to study the bible with someone who invited you to learn more.