

Do You Check The Oil Regularly?

What Type of Oil Is In Our Car?

- Oil in the Bible is often associated with an anointing to be set apart with the Spirit.
- *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Ps. 23:5*
- *Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. I Sam. 16:13*
- *Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. II Cor. 1:21-22*
- *But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. I John 2:29*

The Difference between indwelling and filling of the Spirit

- “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.” John 10:28. (Indwelling-Holy Spirit can never be taken from you no matter how you walk if indeed you are a true believer in Christ. Indwelling refers to salvation)
- However, the Bible makes it clear that it’s up to us on whether we will to allow Him to remain “full” in us on a daily basis or if we chose to quench the Holy Spirit. *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. **Do not quench the Spirit.**” I Thess. 5:18-19 (Filling of the Holy Spirit refers to walking)*

Warning!

- Being filled with the Spirit is not a “feeling”. Too many people are confused as to what it really means to be filled with the Spirit. Many associate this filling with an emotion and activity, such as speaking in tongues.
- Remember this very important point. Satan wants to do two main things.
- 1). He wants to stop anyone from having a relationship with Christ.
- 2) If that can’t happen he wants to confuse the believer in what it means to walk and be filled with the Holy Spirit. If he can do that then he can stunt the growth of the believer and have them lead a defeated life.

TOP 10 WAYS THE HOLY SPIRIT IS QUENCHED

- We practice the “opposite” temperament traits of love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control of the Holy Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23.
- We freely indulge our desires to the point that our heart gets so hard that we no longer hear what God is saying to us.
- We tell the Holy Spirit when we feel His prompting that we will do it later or when we’re older.
- We intentionally disobey commands from scripture and we know we shouldn’t
- When we are with other believers we “pretend” we are better Christians than we really are. In other words, we live one way in private and another way in public.
- We continually ignore the guidance our conscience gives us
- We care more about what other people think about us than what God thinks about us.

- We believe because of grace it doesn't matter if we obey God or not.
- We let our pride keep us from doing anything that we would consider humbling
- We believe that only the preacher has to share their faith, memorize and meditate on scripture, and apply God's Word on a daily basis.

So when does the "check oil" light usually come on?

- Constant frustration without being able to overcome.
- Anger that can't be easily controlled, short tempers which leads to consistent arguments
- Can't control your tongue which leads to gossip and exaggerations.
- "Little white" lies and deception. Not the big ones of course, just ones that get you out of trouble
- Pride, building yourself up bigger than you should
- Worrying about everything which can affect your appetite, your sleeping, and health
- Impure thoughts that include immoral thoughts and hurtful thoughts toward others
- Depression to the point that you don't want to get out of bed, don't want to go to work, and don't care about other people.
- Sadness that is constant with no joy ever present
- Worship at Church becomes boring, habitual with no real meaning, and stale.
- Bible reading, prayer, and scripture memory are pretty much non-existent on a daily basis.

Four Ways to check your oil and make sure you're "oil level" is properly filled

1) Check your oil level Every Day

- *"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit". Eph. 5:15-18*
- *According to this passage how are we to live?*
- *According to the above passage what makes us wise?*
- *According to the above passage what is the Lord's will for us?*

2) Proper oil level on dipstick when we Read from God's Word every day. (5 Min)

- *"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Joshua 1:8*

- *But whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. Ps. 1:2*
- *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Ps. 19:14*
- *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Phil 4:8*

3) Proper oil level on dipstick when we Pray from God's Word every day. (5 Min-A.C.T.S.)

"Adoration"-Take just a moment every day and give God some adoration. *"Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises". Ps 22:3*

"Confess" –confess all known sin. *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* I John 1:9 "

"Thanksgiving"-this is different from praise and adoration. Take just a moment and thank God for some of the blessings in your life. *"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever."* I Chronicles 16:34 *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name". Ps. 100:4*

"Supplication"- This is a big word that basically says pray for yourself and others. *"Be anxious for nothing but by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."* Phil 4:6-7.

4) Look for opportunities to Witness.

Excuses believers make to NOT witness

- *That's the preachers' job. He's paid to do that*
- *It's too personal; I'm not a public person.*
- *I don't want to be seen as pushy and too aggressive*
- *I don't know the Bible very well and don't know how to share my faith*

I Corinthians 2:4-5, *"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power."*

Problem with not willing to share your faith?

- It quenches the Spirit who prompts you
- It's selfish
- It careless

Thoughts from Tim LaHaye-”Spirit-Controlled Temperament

“When an angry, selfish, caustic Choleric becomes kind and compassionate, that is the Holy Spirit. When an inconsistent, weak-willed Sanguine becomes a person of strong character, that is the control of the Holy Spirit. When naturally critical, ungrateful Melancholy becomes a thankful praiser who serves others, that is the control of the Spirit. When a selfish, stingy, unmotivated Phlegmatic gives both self and possessions to God to serve other people, that is the Holy Spirit.”

Review: How to be filled with the Holy Spirit consistently

Examine _____ Yourself for Sin.

The Bible tells us to “*examine ourselves, to test ourselves to see if we are in the faith*”. II Cor. 13:5 and it says “*that everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.*” I Cor. 11:28.

- If after we examine ourselves we see there is a need to confess our sin to God because it’s hindering our walk with Him then we need to...

Confess _____ all known sin to God.

I John 1:9 say, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” T

- The word righteousness is a big word that can be defined as a right relationship with God. When there is known sin in your life you can’t have a right walk with God and your sin will quench the walk you have with His Spirit.

God will only fill clean vessels. II Tim. 2:21- “*Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work*”.

Commit _____ yourself completely to God.

“*In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.*” Rom. 6:11-13.

- Selling out to God is critical to being filled with the Spirit. Going half way won’t complete you.

Apply _____ the FOUR oil checks-

- a) Ask daily for His filling,
- b) Read his word daily
- c) Pray daily,
- D) Witness when given the opportunity.