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WEEK 33 · 2026

2026 THEME
Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

Becoming Like Jesus

Fan the Flame

2 Timothy 1:6–8

I Introduction

Being born again is the beginning of a new life in Christ, not the completion of our spiritual journey. As we grow, we learn the values and ways of this new life, allowing God to cleanse us from sinful habits and reshape our attitudes and desires. Spiritual maturity means learning to seek God's will in everything, every day, rather than simply living according to our old ways.

II Spiritual Growth Must Continue

Paul's life shows that spiritual growth has no finish line. Even years after his conversion, he declared that he had not yet arrived but continued to press toward the goal (Philippians 3:12). Our target is maturity: to grow into the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13). Jesus calls us to more than an ordinary Christian experience; He desires that we experience the abundant life He gives. We therefore need to keep growing, and continually ask the Lord to help us become more like Him.

III Do Not Hinder the Holy Spirit

Our progress toward Christlikeness can be hindered when we resist, grieve, or stifle the Holy Spirit.

Resisting Him

When we stubbornly reject His truth and leading, as illustrated by those who resisted God even to the point of Stephen's murder.

ACTS 7:51

Grieving Him

When our attitudes and treatment of others contradict Christ's character: through bitterness, anger, harshness, or unforgiveness.

EPHESIANS 4:30–32

Stifling Him

When we suppress what He wants to do in and through us: refusing spiritual gifts, ignoring His promptings, or letting fear of failure keep us from obedience.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19–21

IV Fan the Flame and Let Christ Be Seen

Paul urged Timothy to "fan into flame the gift of God" (2 Timothy 1:6). We must first rekindle our own spiritual fire, drawing upward and closer to God, so that our lives can influence others. The early church was already saved, yet in the face of opposition they needed to rise to another level by actively exercising what God had placed within them. Our goal is not simply to say that Christ is alive, but to **let people see the risen Christ in us** through the way we live, serve, persevere, and use the gifts He has given us.

V Discussion Questions

1. In what tangible ways does a believer manifest spiritual maturity following salvation? Reflecting on your own walk, in which areas is the Lord prompting you to deepen your growth?
2. Discuss the various ways we might unintentionally oppose, sorrow, or quench the Holy Spirit through our daily choices and dispositions.
3. How do our anxieties (fear of failure, of making mistakes, or of the opinions of others) serve as barriers to complete obedience to the Spirit's leading?
4. Practically speaking, how will you take intentional steps to rekindle your spiritual fire and fellowship with the Lord throughout the coming week?

MEMORY VERSE

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6 (NIV)

✷ ACTION POINT

Identify one area where your spiritual growth has become stagnant, or where you may be resisting the Holy Spirit. This week, deliberately take one step of obedience (in prayer, Scripture, repentance, service, or using a spiritual gift) and ask God to rekindle your passion for Him.

Conclusion

Becoming like Jesus is a lifelong journey. Salvation gives us a new beginning, but God calls us to continued transformation until Christ is increasingly visible in our lives. The Holy Spirit is actively involved in that work, but we must not resist, grieve, or stifle Him.

Let us therefore keep growing, rekindle the gifts and passion God has placed within us, and allow the life of the risen Christ to be seen through us. As we fan the flame, our spiritual lives will not remain stagnant; we will become increasingly like Jesus and help ignite the faith of others.