

HOLY SPIRIT: A FERVENT SPIRIT

“Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord” (Romans 13:11).

A fervent spirit is earnest. It comes from a verb meaning to be hot (to boil or glow). In other words, a fervent spirit is something you can see in a person. Not only do men see it, but God sees it. Not only does God see it, He looks for it. You can be emotionally excited and not fervent. Emotion stems from the soul, not the spirit. “Fervent in spirit” is a constant desire to use one’s spiritual gift to serve the Lord. Seven gifts are mentioned in Romans 12:6-8). A fervent spirit is not cold when it comes to using the spiritual gifting of the Lord. Paul told Timothy to “Stir up the gift of God that is in you...” (II Timothy 1:6). “Stir up” means to rekindle, or relite the fire. Our responsibility is to keep rekindling our spiritual gift. A fervent spirit allows the Holy Spirit to fill the inner man to keep it kindled with the fire of God. The sign of a fervent spirit is serving the Lord with the personality God has given you.