

Wind Power

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"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God,
whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
Ephesians 4:30

Have you ever watched a pinwheel move round and round? Most of us know that pinwheels don't just spin around on their own volition. There has to be a wind source of some kind. You have to blow on it with your own breath or take it outside and allow the wind to move it. It won't spin around on its own strength. That's just like us as Christians. We can't spin around on our own either. We need God's strength and power.

Of course, some of us try to spin around in our own strength anyway but we are not getting very far. Some of us have got some things stuck in our blades that are blocking our wind. Our power source is the Holy Spirit, and that is a powerful wind. So much can be accomplished for Christ when we allow the leading of the Holy Spirit in us. Just think about the disciples. They turned the world upside down.

We've all got things that get stuck in our blades and slow us down or even make our effectiveness for Christ come to a complete standstill. Here are a few that came to my mind.

Power Blockers:

Bitterness

Whew! This one can really be a clog in your wheels. If you have bitterness in your life, you have to deal with it in order to have the power you need to keep spinning. Bitterness can rob you of your joy and eat away at you until you're not useful to anyone, let alone God.

Let all bitterness...be put away from you. Ephesians 4:31

Unforgiveness

If there is a rift between you and someone else and you don't deal with it, it's like running a rod right through your blades. You are not going to keep spinning with something like that stuck in your life. You'll find yourself not doing anything for Christ.

*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32*

Our Own Will

Trying to spin around all by ourselves and in our own direction isn't going to work. We have to give ourselves over to what God wants for us, which at times may not be exactly what we might want. Living with our lives in tune with Christ daily is the only way we'll be sensitive to His will and not our own.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:1,2

Unconfessed Sin

Of course if we have unconfessed sin in our lives, it's going to affect how the Holy Spirit works in us. We can't have something between God and us or there's not going to be any wind flow.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Conclusion:

If we are Christians, the Holy Spirit comes to reside in us. We have to be sensitive in order to allow His working. Do you have fruit in your life as a Christian? If not, you may not be allowing the power on your life that you need in order to keep spinning and serving Christ.

I walk my kids to school from time to time and I remember awhile back when we were down to one car, which my husband took for the day to go to work, and I had to walk the kids home from school. It was a hot day and my children were complaining. It was very hot, but as we began walking I could feel a slight breeze as we went under the first tree with branches that went out over the sidewalk where we were walking. At the next tree I remember telling the kids to lift up their arms real high and feel the breeze. Ahhh. They thought that felt so good. So every tree along the way they'd stop and lift their arms up into the air.

They were so funny to watch. I'm sure all the passersby thought my kids were just a little bit weird, but they were feeling the affects of the wind going all through them and refreshing them. They kept saying, "Mom, come on! Lift up your arms too. It feels so good!" I, of course was too embarrassed to walk down the street lifting my arms every little bit.

It struck me then that that's how we Christians do. We keep our arms down and don't let the breeze of the Holy Spirit get to us even when we need to be refreshed. We steel ourselves from being touched by a special song in church because we're too embarrassed to shed a few tears. Or we go into defense mode at invitation time because we don't want to go forward and deal with our issues even when we feel the Holy Spirit trying to work in us. We miss out on so much power that way and by keeping those power blockers stuck in our blades. Those things grieve the Holy Spirit which we are told not to do in Ephesians 4:30. We need to allow the breath of the Holy Spirit to go all the way through us so we can spin round and round doing the things Christ would have us to do.

So, how are you spinning?