

Matthew 12:15-50

“Kingdom Spirit”

“Now, there are three general ways of the soul’s deportment in this communion [with the Holy Spirit], expressed all negatively in the Scripture, but all including positive duties ...

1. Not to *grieve* him, in respect of his *person* dwelling in us. [Eph 4:30]
2. Not to *quench* him, in respect of the *actings* and motions of his grace. [1 Thess 5:19]
3. Not to *resist* him, in respect of *the ordinances* of Christ [Acts 7:51].”

– John Owen, On Communion with God

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