

Helmut Haubeil in his book 'Steps to Personal Revival' (which is available for free from steps-to-personal-revival.info) suggests the following reasons why a person might be lacking the Holy Spirit:

- Ignorance
- Unbelief, or small faith
- Incorrect ideas – eg. thinking they already have the Holy Spirit.
- Too busy for a personal relationship.
- Hidden sins
- Going by feelings rather than faith.
- Mistrust, fear where God will lead, not trusting God's love and wisdom, fear of the unknown.

The wisdom of God is opposite from the wisdom of this world. Give God a tithe of your money, and instead of having less, you will have more. Give God more of your time, and you will get a lot more done.

Some people are afraid to ask for the Holy Spirit, because they think they will lose their free will, and power of choice, but the opposite is true – when God works in our lives, we have more self-control and more freedom.

I have a picture that I often show in Sabbath School, of a boy thinking about stealing, and when you hold the picture up to the light, you see two angels next to him, a yellow angel and a grey angel. I say, "If he listens to the yellow angel, it's as if the yellow angel gets bigger and louder and it is easier to hear God's voice next time he is tempted and harder to hear the grey angel. That voice of God that we hear, is His Holy Spirit. Ask God for the Holy Spirit to work in your life and you will never regret it.

3 Testimonies:

A certain businessman shared how health seminars hadn't done him any good. But since he started to daily pray for the Holy Spirit, he had completely shifted to a healthy lifestyle.

A sister read this experience. She wrote: Through my complete surrender to Jesus, God changed my life completely, in a moment. After my prayer of surrender I went into the kitchen the next morning, stood by the coffee machine, shook my head, and said to myself: 'No, I don't drink coffee anymore.' In the past this would have been unthinkable, because when I tried to quit coffee, I had had horrible headaches for five days. Today I have no more desire for coffee. This was one of many changes.

A young man was really struggling. The pastor asked, "Have you completely submitted your will to God?"

"I don't think I have, I'm afraid."

"Well", said the pastor, "It won't do any good to pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit, till you have completely submitted your will to God. Don't you want to submit to God now?"

"I can't", he replied.

"Are you willing for God to do it for you?"

"Yes", he answered.

"Then ask Him to do it."

He prayed: "Oh God, empty me from my own will. Bring me into complete submission to your will. Lay down my will for me. I pray in Jesus' name."

Then the pastor asked: "Did it happen?"

"It must have", he said. "I asked God for something according to His will and I know that He answered me and that I have what I prayed for (1 John 5:14-15). It has happened."

Then the pastor said: "Now pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit."

He prayed: "Oh God, baptize me now with Your Holy Spirit. I pray in Jesus' name."

And it happened immediately when he laid down his will."

Stealing and Lying

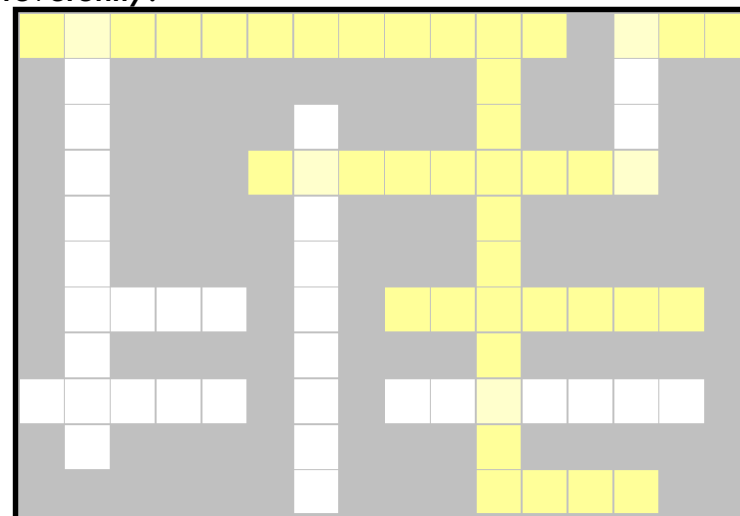
Sabbath

What sort of behaviour is expected of Christians? Cross out the behaviour that is wrong, then fit the remaining words into the yellow squares in the grid.

Lying or truthfulness, stealing or honesty, worshiping statues or God, swearing or selfcontrol, murder and hate or love, coveting or satisfied?

How would God want Christians to keep His church or temple? Fit the remaining words into the white squares in the grid.

Clean or dirty, nice or worn out, treated carelessly or carefully, damaged, broken or good, like a place of shopping or worship and reverently?



Year 3, Quarter 3, Week 7, Level: "Teen"

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Refer: Acts 3:34-37; 5:1-11 NLT; The Acts of the Apostles p70-76; The Bible Story vol10 p26-30

Sunday

There were no needy people in the new Church because many people who owned land, sold it and gave the money to the apostles to help anyone who was in need.



Ananias and his wife Sapphira also decided to sell one of their properties and give all the money from the sale to the apostles. But after they received the money from the sale, they changed their minds and decided to keep part of it. So Ananias took part of the money to the apostles, telling them that this was the full amount of money.



But Peter said, "Ananias, why are you listening to Satan? You have lied to the Holy Spirit, pretending to give all the money but keeping some of the money for yourself. You did not have to sell your property; you did not have to give the money away; but you have lied about it. You weren't lying to us but to God!"

When Ananias heard these words, he fell down dead. Then the young men wrapped him in a sheet, took him out and buried him.

About three hours after Ananias died, his wife, Sapphira, came in. Peter asked her, "Is this the all the money you received for your land?" "Yes," she replied, "that was the price."

Peter said, "How could the two of you even think of testing the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out." Then she also fell down dead.

When everyone heard, they realised how important it was to tell the truth.

Friday

Why did people go to the temple? Why should people go to church?

- ☐ To see the beautiful building / beautiful pictures or
- ☐ To spend time with and learn more about God?



Remember your body is a temple for the Holy Spirit? When people look at us, we don't want them to be distracted by our expensive or flashy clothes or jewellery, nor the shape of our bodies, instead, we want them to see God's Spirit in us.

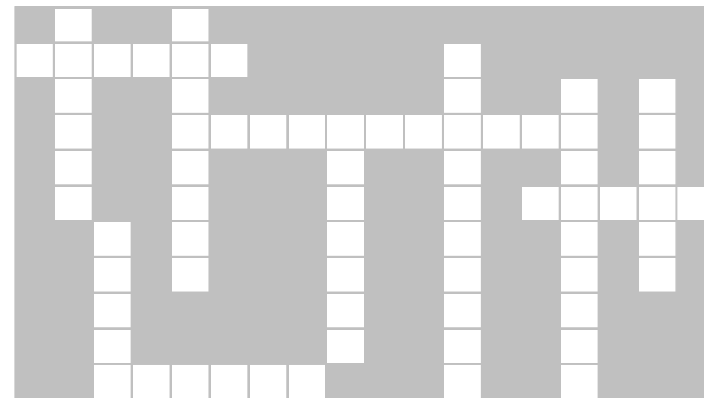
The SDA Fundamental 22 says to dress in a way that is modest, simple, neat and culturally appropriate. Read 1 Timothy 2:9 and Deuteronomy 22:5 and 1 Peter 3:3, 4, remembering that what was culturally appropriate has change since then.

1 Timothy 2:9 talks specifically about women but I'm sure the same advice is appropriate for men. "Be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes." NLT

Deuteronomy 22:5 warns that women should not dress as men nor men as women.

1 Peter 3:3, 4NLT "Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewellery, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."

Fit the underlined words into the grid.



Thursday

Yesterday we learnt how our bodies are like God's temple – He wants to fill us with His Holy Spirit just as He filled the temple. Here are some other things we can learn from comparing our bodies to God's temple.

God wanted His temple to be clean, nice looking, in good repair and treated with care. He wants you to treat your body the same way, keeping it clean, looking nice, treating it with care and keeping it in good repair, good health.

How often do you:

Take a bath or shower? _____

Wash your hands? _____

Change / wash your clothes? _____

Brush your teeth? _____

We cannot always control our health but there are always things we can do to help it. (Put an X on the lines to show your answers)

How healthy do you think you are?

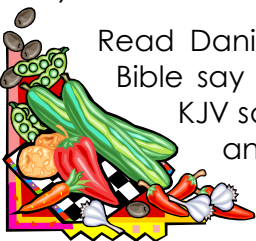
not healthy ----- healthy

Do you get 10 hours of sleep each night? YES / NO / SOME

Do you get fresh air and sunshine each day? YES / NO / SOME

Do you eat healthy foods? NO ----- YES

Do you avoid things that are bad for you? YES / NO / SOME



Read Daniel 1:8-16 – Note that newer versions of the Bible say they asked for only vegetables, but the old KJV says "pulse" which included legumes like beans and lentils.

Monday

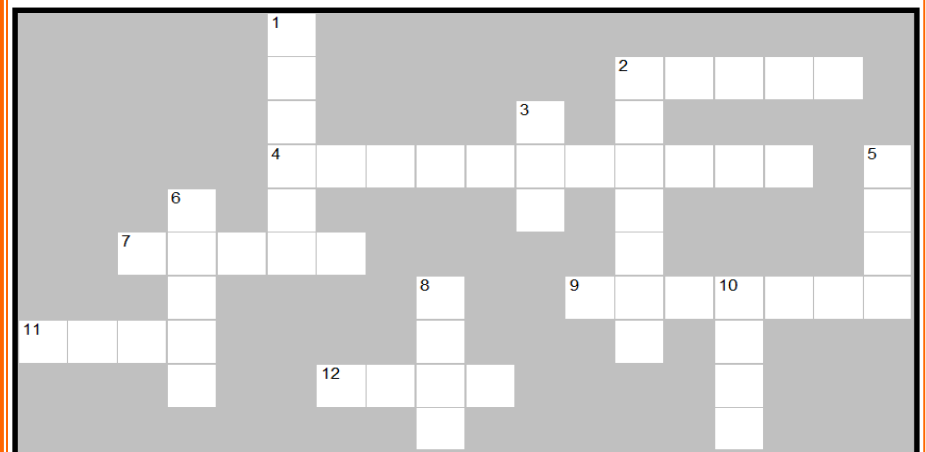
As Proverbs 12:22^{NLT} says, "The Lord detests lying lips," and there are other things just as detestable or disgusting to God. The 10 Commandments specifically mention stealing, murder, adultery, coveting, misusing God's name, breaking the Sabbath, worshiping idols, and putting other things before God. Jesus Himself said that even thinking about breaking a Commandment was breaking it! 1 John 3:15^{NLT} says, "Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart." In Ephesians 5^{NLT}, Paul also mentions impurity, greed, obscene stories and jokes, and drunkenness. Instead, Christians should be aiming to become more and more like Christ.

Use the missing words to fill in the crossword.

1 John 4:8 - "God is _____" (8 down)

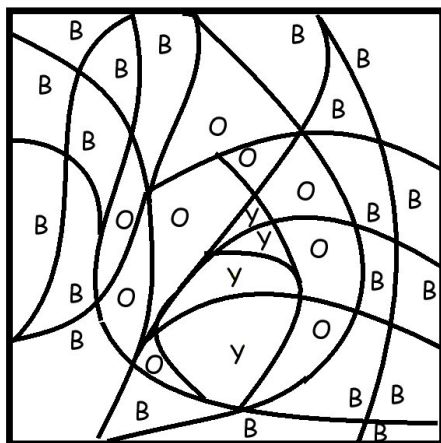
1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - L_____ (11a) is p_____ (2d) and k_____ (5d), it does not e_____ (10d) or b_____ (7a), it is not p_____ (2a)... It is not easily a_____ (9a) and keeps no record of wrongs... It rejoices in truth, t_____ (1d), h_____ (6d) and perseveres.

Galatians 5:22, 23 - The fruit of the Spirit is l_____ (12a), j_____ (3d), peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and s_____ C_____ (4a).



Tuesday

Ananias and Sapphira wanted everyone to think they were giving all the money to God but there was someone they could not lie to.



The underlined words from Sunday are in the grid.

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Yesterday we looked at the Fruit of the Spirit which God wants to grow in our lives, and also some of the things that God does not want in us.

Of course God can forgive everything, so why is it important for us to try? - Because people, who do not know God, look at us to see what God is like.

Wednesday

Do you remember how Jesus compared Christians to a city on a hill, and a light in Matthew 5:14-16?

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20_{NLT} compares Christians to something else. Use the code to find out what it is.

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Three weeks ago, we learnt how the new Christians were filled with the Spirit of God, just like the temple had been filled with God's Spirit. He wants to do the same for you.