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Do we sense the power or presence of the Holy Spirit?

This part of the teaching raises thought-provoking and essential questions about the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and worship experiences. Here are some key points to consider:

1. Sensing the Presence of the Holy Spirit

- The presence of the Holy Spirit is not necessarily tied to physical environments or sensory experiences. While some believers may feel a tangible sense of God's power, others may experience His presence more subtly, through peace, conviction, or assurance.
- It's worth examining our hearts when we feel distant from God. Are there distractions, unconfessed sins, or misplaced priorities that might hinder our spiritual sensitivity?

2. Are We Doing Things God's Way?

- Jesus' life is a perfect example of complete submission to the Father's will. His words and actions were directed by God.
- Similarly, believers and churches are called to seek God's guidance in their actions and worship. This means prioritizing His Word, prayer, and obedience over programs or appearances.

3. Modern Worship and the Balance

- The use of technology and creative elements in worship can be tools to enhance the experience, but they should never overshadow the central purpose: encountering God.
- A church service should lead attendees to worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24), rather than be a performance or distraction.

4. The Analogy of the Cardboard House vs. Mansion

- This emphasizes the incomparable value of God's presence. Material comforts or external beauty are meaningless without Him. King David expressed a similar sentiment in Psalm 84:10: *"Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."*

Reflection Questions

- How do we personally cultivate a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in our daily lives?
- As a community, how can churches ensure their gatherings remain focused on glorifying God rather than entertainment or human expectations?

These insights challenge us to refocus our lives and worship on God's presence, ensuring He remains at the center of all we do.

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