

When there is no measurable trace of God's Presence upon our lives or in our gatherings, rather than feeling guilt, shame, or condemnation, we should ask, "God, what in my life (my church) is not hosting Your Presence? What might be incompatible with the Holy Spirit? Reveal it, Lord, so I can make more room for the Spirit's presence upon me."

*Accessing the Greater Glory*  
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Perhaps one of the most striking scenes from history is a conversation between St. Thomas Aquinas and Pope Innocent II.

Entering the presence of Innocent II, before whom a large sum of money was spread out, the pope observed, "You see, the church is no longer in that age in which she said, silver and gold have I none." Aquinas replied, "True, Holy Father, neither can she any longer say to the lame, rise up and walk."

*Familiar Sayings of Great Men*

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