

Revival-ready

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Revival-proof Churches

Revival-ready Churches...

1. are dead to public opinion and desperate for vital union with God.
2. may be poor or prosperous, but they feel they are in need of everything.
3. are on speaking terms with God and attentive to His voice. (Heb. 4:7)
4. seek to practice total obedience regardless of possible outcomes. (John 14:15)
5. are sickened by "business as usual" and long for the "unusual business of revival."
6. love God enough to follow the Biblical pattern regarding church discipline. (Mat. 18:15-17)
7. do not worship the past—they prepare for the future.
8. are painfully aware of their own overwhelming needs (1 Cor. 4:5)
9. long for Jesus to be in their midst. (John 20:19)
10. despise a "form of godliness"—they desire God's power.
11. are committed to principle and have abandoned religious politics.
12. anticipate divine interventions.

Revival-proof Churches...

1. are satisfied with the appearance of spiritual vitality without the reality. (Rev. 3:1)
2. are often prosperous and believe they are in need of nothing. (Rev. 3:17)
3. are dull of hearing and seldom hear the speaking voice of God. (Rev. 3:20; Heb. 3:7-8)
4. practice selective obedience determined by possible negative outcomes. (Pro. 29:25)
5. are pleased with "business as usual" instead of the "unusual business of revival." (2 Tim. 3:5)
6. elect to overlook "sin in the camp." (Josh. 7:1)
7. are "bound by the past" and "blind to the future." (Phil. 3:13-14)
8. pride themselves in the notion that they are better than other churches. (Lk. 18:11)
9. are content to "go through the motions" without an obvious sense of God's presence.
10. cling to their "form of godliness" while denying the power. (2 Tim. 3:5)
11. elevate religious politics over principle. (1 Cor. 3:4)
12. don't expect any divine interruptions. (Rom. 14:23)

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