

Revival-ready

VS.

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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Revival-resistant People

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord..."—Isa. 40:3

Revival-ready People...

1. are always willing to critique themselves thoroughly. (1 Cor. 11:28, 31)
2. demonstrate a delightful spirit of obedience that says, "What next?" (Ex. 24:7)
3. use Jesus Christ to measure their spiritual state of being. (Eph. 4:13)
4. develop a spirit and display an attitude of meekness. (Eph. 4:2)
5. are humbled by what God knows they are. (Gal. 6:3)
6. recognize desperate measures in prayer as a first resource. (Ps. 118:5)
7. are quick to confess their sin. (Prov. 28:13)
8. allow the Holy Spirit to have unrestricted freedom in their life. (2 Cor. 3:17)
9. view repentance as a desirable experience. (2 Cor. 7:9-11)
10. actively seek reconciliation when offended by another. (Matt. 18:15)
11. driven by a passion for personal holiness. (2 Cor. 7:1)
12. concentrate on inward conditions. (Matt. 23:25-26,28)
13. are sweetly surrendered to the will of God. (Matt. 6:9,10)
14. are alert and aware of the spiritual attacks of the enemy. (1 Pet. 5:8)
15. are consumed with an insatiable appetite for the truth of the Word of God. (Matt. 5:6)

Revival-resistant People...

1. are always waiting to criticize others thoughtlessly.
2. demonstrate a disgusted spirit of rebellion that says, "What now?"
3. use other people to measure their spiritual state of being.
4. develop a root and display the fruit of bitterness.
5. are proud of who they think they are.
6. recognize desperate measures in prayer as a last resort.
7. are quick to cover their sin.
8. allow the Holy Spirit to only have limited access in their life.
9. view repentance as a deplorable experience.
10. aggressively seek revenge when offended by another.
11. driven by a passion for personal happiness.
12. concentrate on outward impressions.
13. are stubbornly resistant to the will of God.
14. are casual and complacent about spiritual warfare with the enemy.
15. are characterized by an indifferent attitude toward the truth of the Word of God.

Revival-ready Pastor vs. Revival-resistant Pastor

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The Revival-ready Pastor is...

1. Willing to confess and confront sin. (Prov. 28:13)
2. Willing to allow God to change his schedule.
3. Willing to be open and honest with others. (Psalm 139:23)
4. Willing to sacrifice personal time to pray, witness, and read God's Word. (Matt. 6:33)
5. Willing to obey the Holy Spirit immediately. (Gal. 5:16)
6. Willing to allow The Holy Spirit to Control his life. (Eph. 5:18)
7. Willing to allow God to break him. (Isaiah 57:15)
8. Willing to allow God to have His way completely. (Prov. 3:5-6)
9. Willing to humble himself in front of others. (I Peter 5:6)
10. Willing to surrender his life completely to God. (Rom. 12:1-2)
11. Willing to expect and anticipate God's Power and blessings. (Jer.33:3)
12. Willing to please God instead of people. (Gal. 1:10)
13. Willing to give God all the credit. (2 Cor. 10:17)

The Revival-resistant Pastor is...

1. Resistant to confessing and confronting sin.
2. Resistant to a change in schedule.
3. Resistant to being open and honest with others.
4. Resistant to sacrificing personal time.
5. Resistant to obeying the Holy Spirit's leading.
6. Resistant to allowing the Holy Spirit's control.
7. Resistant to allowing God to break him.
8. Resistant to the ways of God.
9. Resistant to true humility.
10. Resistant to complete surrender.
11. Resistant to God's power and blessings.
12. Resistant to pleasing God instead of people.
13. Resistant to giving God all the glory.

Revival-ready Pastor vs. Revival-resistant Pastor

This material was born out of the experiences of what God did during our Revival in September 2006. God moved in an unbelievable way during these meetings. God has given me a greater understanding of Psalm 34:8 "O taste and see that the Lord is good..."

The meetings were scheduled to be held Sunday, September 10th through Wednesday, September 13th. During the four days of the meetings God met with His church in a supernatural way. Many Christians attended prayer meetings every night, weeping and crying out for God's blessing upon His people. God's people were confessing sin and getting right with one another. There was a spirit of brokenness, love toward one another, and hunger for God in our church. We could sense the presence, power, and conviction of God in every service.

God worked far beyond anything we could ever imagine. We truly serve a great and mighty God. God allowed the meetings to extend from a four day meeting to a two week meeting. Christians were excited about hearing God's Word and there was a real concern and love for the unsaved.

Do you desire God to send Revival to the Church you serve? If you want God to send revival to your church, you must allow Him to send revival to you first. How can you, as a pastor expect God to send revival to the church God allows you to serve if you don't allow God to send revival to your life? How can we pastors expect God to revive the hearts of people in our churches if we don't first allow God to revive our own hearts? The key to Revival is being a Revival-ready Pastor. Are you a Revival-ready Pastor or a Revival-resistant Pastor?

—Pastor Bob Hassel

OBJECTIVES OF A REVIVAL MINISTRY

The Scriptural objectives of revival are listed in points I through V. This is the sequential order of priorities in revival.

1. Priority of Cleansing: “INWARD” Aspect of Revival

This is the time of heart-searching and brokenness before God as people deal with sin and self-centeredness to be filled with the fullness of God. (II Chron. 7:14; Ps. 41; Prov. 28:13; I Jn. 1:9)

The time of heart-searching and brokenness before God over sin is implemented by the preaching and individual response for “Personal revival.” The prayer room and invitation provide opportunities to respond.

2. Priority of restitution and Fellowship: “SIDEWARD” Aspect of Revival

True cleansing (Point I) is the NECESSARY preparation for believers to make things right with each other and have a new sense of maintaining UNITY in the church. This harmony alone can produce SPIRITUAL fellowship around the living Christ. Carnal believers are incapable of spiritual fellowship and are still prone to gossip, ego-gratification, parading materialistic excellences, and seeking man’s approval. (Heb 10:24; I Jn. 1:3-7)

Being right with each other is implemented by the emphasis on restoration and restitution. Fellowship ministries are experienced through SHARING times in crusade services, prayer meetings, etc.

3. Priority of Prayer and Intercession: “UPWARD” Aspect of Revival

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord WILL NOT heart me” (Ps. 66:18). This is the problem of unanswered prayer of pastors and people seeking God for revival as well as the reason so many DO NOT attend prayer meetings in the average church. They know they are not on “praying ground” because of sin, bitterness, resentment, etc.

Do we believe we can ask God to do more in ONE MOMENT OF HIS WORKING from Heaven than we can do in years of faithful efforts? If so, why do we not give PRIORITY to continuous intercession for revival? (Is. 59:1-2)

Prayer ministry is emphasized continually during the crusade. “Revival prayer meetings” are normally held nightly after the services as well as other decided times. One of the marked results of such a revival ministry in many churches has been the renewed interest in personal prayer as well as the establishment of many weekly church prayer meetings.

4. Priority of Discipleship: “ONWARD” Aspect of Revival

Genuine concern for others as “weak” brothers and a desire for spiritual growth can ONLY proceed from lives filled with divine love. Such a ministry will NOT succeed without the divine motivation of the Holy Spirit in a believer’s life. Otherwise, man is too self-centered and will drop out at the first occasion of something to his disliking. (Rom. 12:13-15; Gal. 6:1-2; Heb. 10:25; Mt. 28:19-20)

The prayer ministry and testimony times will help prepare many to be actively involved in follow-through ministries. Further discipleship ministries will be suggested according to the various circumstances in each church situation.

5. Priority of Outreach: “OUTGROWTH” Aspect of Revival

Reaching out to the lost will be the natural result of genuine revival. However, attempts at church outreach programs will FAIL when humanly motivating believers who are NOT right with God or with each other. Only daily cleansing and fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit in a believer’s life can cause him to have the “Mind of Christ” regarding the unconverted. (Mk. 5:19; Lk. 19:10; I Pt. 3:15)

Outreach is the natural response of a heart right with God. Spontaneous witnessing will begin to occur as people meet God. Evangelism training by precept and practice is instituted in longer crusades. Outreach training in witnessing must be emphasized after the crusade in order to mobilize the church as a force for God.



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Prayer Guide

1. **Pastor and Staff** as they lead us in spiritual preparation
2. **Personal Family Needs**
 - A. _____ C. _____
 - B. _____ D. _____
3. **My Church**
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 - B. That God would give the team wisdom and discernment to meet the specific needs of our church
 - C. For Holy Spirit conviction and confession of sin
 - D. Genuine repentance—"Everything God reveals as sin will be forsaken."
 - E. Honesty, humility, and brokenness
 - F. A Godly hunger and thirst for righteousness
 - G. That this series of meetings will be the most significant event, to date, in the history of the church, in terms of spiritual impact
 - H. Physical strength for the entire week
4. **Evangelist Harold Vaughan**
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 - B. Discernment D. Unction
5. **My Christian Friends**
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 - B. _____ D. _____
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16 Phil. 4:4 Have you neglected to seek to be pleasing to Him in all things? Do you carry any bitterness toward God? Have you complained against Him in any way? Have you been dissatisfied with His provision for you? Is there in your heart any unwillingness to obey God fully? Do you have any reservations as to what you would or would not do concerning anything that might be His Will? Have you disobeyed some direct leading from Him?

17 Col. 3:9 Do you engage in empty and unprofitable conversation? Do you ever lie? Do you ever exaggerate? Cheat? Steal? Carefully consider: do you overcharge?

18 II Tim. 2:22 Do you have any personal habits that are not pure? Do you allow impure thoughts about the opposite sex to stay in your mind? Do you read that which is impure or suggests unholy things? Do you indulge in any unclean entertainment? Are you guilty of the lustful look?

19 Heb. 10:25 Do you stay away from the meetings of preaching the gospel? Do you whisper or think about other things while God's Word is being read or preached? Are you irregular in attendance at services? Do you neglect to attend or participate in meetings for prayer? Have you neglected or slighted daily or private prayer? Have you neglected God's Word? Do you find the Bible and prayer uninteresting? Have you neglected thanksgiving at meals? Have you neglected daily family devotions?

20 Heb. 13:17 Do you hesitate to submit to leaders in the church or elsewhere? Are you lazy? Do you rebel at requests given to you to help in the work of the gospel? Do you in any way have a stubborn or unteachable spirit?

21 James 1:27 Have you allowed yourself to become "spotted" by the world? Is your manner of dress pleasing to God? Do you spend beyond what is pleasing to God on anything? Do you neglect to pray about things you buy?

22 James 4:6 Do you feel that you are doing quite well as a Christian? That you are not so bad? That you are good enough? Are you stubborn? Do you insist on having your own way? Do you insist on your rights?

23 James 4:11 Have you dishonored Him and hindered His work by criticizing His servants? Have you failed to pray regularly for your pastor or other spiritual leaders? Do you find it hard to be corrected? Are you more concerned about what people will think than what will be pleasing to God?

If you have been honest and true in the matter of admitting your sins, then you are ready for God's cleansing. Sins that are admitted are sins that are confessed. Remember these three things:

- 1. If the sin is against God, confess it to God, and make things right with God.*
- 2. If the sin is against another person, confess it to God, and make the sin right with the other one.*
- 3. If the sin is against a group, confess it to God, and make it right with the group.*

If there is full confession, there will be full cleansing. Then the joy of the Lord will follow. There can be testimony and prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit. Revival will follow.

Psalm 19:12— "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults."

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"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24

Confession Of Sin Is Necessary For Fellowship With God And Revival Among God's People

One of the problems we face as Christians is that many people do not look on sin as being very bad. Seeing it as high treason has revolutionized my thinking. In other words, when a Christian is Christ-controlled, Christ is on the throne of his life. Ego-self is dethroned. When the slightest sin is committed — a thought, word, deed, or attitude, Christ is dethroned and ego-self is enthroned. That is treason! It is self usurping the throne from Christ. Because He is King of kings and Lord of lords, it is *high treason*.

Perhaps this is one reason James could say, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (James 2:10). It is not so much the sin that is bad, but the very nature of sin itself. It is *high treason*.

Prayerfully consider the following questions. Go through these questions one by one. Answer truthfully each question. Every "yes" answer means sin in your life.

In reading these questions, as you are convicted of sin, confess it at once to God. Be willing to make it right: then you can claim cleansing and forgiveness. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Be sure to name your sin to God, such as, "Lord, I have not put Thee first in my plans," or, "I have neglected Thy work and prayer." Do not make the least excuse for sin of any kind in your life. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whosoever confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." (Proverbs 28:13).

No matter what others do, or do not do, Christian, leave nothing undone on your part. God wants to work through you to bring about a great spiritual awakening. He can begin by your fulfilling every requirement shown by the Lord through the Holy Spirit and His Word. A revival from the presence of the Lord begins today, *if you desire it*. (Read the Scriptures first. Ask the question. Give a truthful answer . . . "yes" or "no"). Do not go to the next question until you have settled the one at hand. This is not just to be *read*, but *prayed* through.

1 Matt. 6:12-14 Is there anyone against whom you hold a grudge? Anyone you have not forgiven? Anyone you hate? Anyone you do not love? Are there any misunderstandings that you are unwilling to forget? Is there any person against whom you are harboring bitterness, resentment, or jealousy? Anyone you dislike to hear praised or well spoken of? Do you allow anything to justify a wrong attitude toward another?

2 Matt. 6:33 Is there anything in which you have failed to put God first? Have your decisions been made after your own wisdom and desires, rather than by seeking and following God's will? Do any of the following in any way interfere with your surrender and service to God: ambition, pleasures, loved ones, friendships, desire for recognition, money, your own plans?

3 Mark 16:15 Have you failed to seek the lost for Christ? Have you failed to witness consistently with your mouth for the Lord Jesus Christ? Has your life not shown to the lost the Lord Jesus?

4 John 13:35 Are you secretly pleased over the misfortunes of others? Are you secretly annoyed over the accomplishments or advancements of another? Are you guilty of any contention or strife? Do you quarrel, argue, or engage in heated discussions? Are you a partaker in any division or party spirit? Are there people whom you deliberately slight?

5 Acts 20:35 Have you robbed God by withholding His due of time, talents, and money? Have you given less than a tenth of your income for God's work? Have you failed to support mission work either in prayer or in offerings?

6 I Cor. 4:2 Are you undependable so that you cannot be trusted with responsibilities in the Lord's work? Are you allowing your emotions to be stirred for the things of the Lord but doing nothing about it?

7 I Cor. 6:19-20 Are you in any way careless with your body? Do you fail to care for it as the temple of the Holy Spirit? Are you guilty of intemperance in eating or drinking? Do you have any habits which are defiling to the body?

8 I Cor. 10:31 Do you take the slightest credit for anything good about you, rather than give all the glory to God? Do you talk of what you have done, rather than of what Christ has done? Are your statements mostly about "I"? Are your feelings easily hurt? Have you made a pretense of being something that you are not?

9 Eph. 3:20 Are you self-conscious rather than Christ-conscious? Do you allow feelings of inferiority to keep you from attempting things you should in service for God?

10 Eph. 4:28 Do you underpay? Do you do very little in your work? Have you been careless in the payment of your debts? Have you sought to evade payment of your debts? Do you waste time? Do you waste time for others?

11 Eph. 4:31 Do you complain? Do you find fault? Do you have a critical attitude towards any person or any thing? Are you irritable or cranky? Do you ever carry hidden anger? Do you get angry? Do you become impatient with others? Are you ever harsh or unkind?

12 Eph. 5:16 Do you listen to unedifying radio or television programs? Do you read unworthy magazines? Do you partake in worldly amusements? Do you find it necessary to seek satisfaction from any questionable source? Are you doing certain things that show that you are not satisfied in the Lord Jesus Christ?

13 Eph. 5:20 Have you neglected to thank Him for all things, the seemingly bad as well as the good? Have you virtually called God a liar by doubting His Word? Do you worry? Is your spiritual temperature based on your feelings instead of on the facts of God's Word?

14 Phil. 1:21 Are you taken up with the cares of this life? Is your conversation or heart joyful over things, rather than the Lord and His Word? Does anything mean more to you than living for and pleasing God?

15 Phil. 2:14 Do you ever, by word or deed, seek to hurt someone? Do you gossip? Do you speak unkindly concerning people when they are not present? Do you carry prejudice against true Christians because they are of some different group than yours, or because they do not see everything exactly like you?

CONTINUING DAILY or, How the Way to Live Can Become a Living Reality

- A. **DAILY THANKING:** Continue thanking God in prayer for personal victory and power. To get over *always asking* for things, do *not* ask God for *anything* for several days. Just thank Him. You are learning a tremendous lesson about prayer in making your requests known as expressions of **thanks**. Never get over or take for granted what God is doing in your life. Phil. 4:6-7
- B. **DAILY AGREEING** with God about "self" being "crucified with Christ." By "counting it so" daily, you continually experience deliverance from self's bondage and power. Gal. 2:20; 6:14; Rom. 6:11
- I claim no right to myself; no right to this understanding, this will, or these affections that are in me; neither do I have any right to this body or its members; no right to this tongue, hands, feet, ears, smell, or taste. I have given myself clear away and not retained anything of my own. I have been to God this morning and told Him that I gave myself wholly to Him....For the future I claim no right to myself in any respect.....*
---Jonathan Edwards
- C. **DAILY CLAIMING** a fresh infilling (yielding, controlling) of the Holy Spirit for power and victory. Start each day this way. Walking in the Spirit is the Christ-life being lived out in **your** life as "resurrection life." God can only fill your life to the level of your own cleansing and emptiness. Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to reveal and convict you of sins. Eph. 5:18-21; Jn. 16:7-14
- D. **DAILY CLEANSING:** Keep "current accounts" with God! Personal spiritual victory is a lifestyle of continuous obedience in repentance as the Holy Spirit reveals what is not pleasing to God. Only as you "walk in the light" by **confession** and **repentance** can the blood of Christ continue to cleanse and a right relationship with God be restored. Do *not* allow things to "pile up" regarding sins. *Deal instantly* with God and claim a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit in the specific cleansed areas. Allow Him to take control. Agree with God about not giving self "room to operate" (control) in those areas again. Acts 5:32; Rom. 8:13; 1 Jn. 1:7-9; Eph. 4:26-27
- E. **DAILY FEEDING AND FELLOWSHIPING** with God must be a priority. No one who seeks to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit can take lightly his communion with God in worship and prayer and the absolute necessity of the power of God's Holy Word daily. His Word cleanses your life, feeds your spirit and re-molds your mind into thinking God's thoughts after Him. Ps. 16:11; 19:7-14; 119:9, 11, 38; Phil. 4:8; Col. 3:16; 1 Pet. 1:22-23

F. **DAILY RESISTING** satan and his forces is **essential**. Recognize who is your *real* enemy. Be aware of his devices and purpose to destroy God's people, His Word and His Kingdom. *Spiritual warfare begins* when you take God seriously. The enemy hates this and will seek to destroy it. Christ Himself had to take His authority over satan. So did the Apostle Paul and others. When Christ sent out His disciples and then "seventy" others, He gave them authority over satan and his forces. He said it was authority over "all power of the enemy." This authority is not for only a few mature believers or a certain group in the church. It is a *necessary* part of *every* believer's life. By nature of your relationship with Christ, God gives you authority over satan. You *cannot* do it on your *own* or in your own strength. Resisting can only be successful when you are truly "submitting" totally to God. Js. 4:7; Lk. 10:17-21; Acts 16:16-18; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Eph. 6:10-18; II Cor. 10:3-5

G. **DAILY SHARING:** God does not meet your **need** merely for you to enjoy it for yourself. He longs to share His love and power through you to the world. Share daily what God is doing in your life with other believers, unconverted friends, neighbors, and relatives. The sooner you share the sooner the reality of these truths will be realized in your own heart. Ps. 126; Mk. 5:19; Ps. 107:2

H. **DAILY PRAYER:** Consider a prayer like the one below before stepping into each day.

Lord Jesus, thank You for freeing me from the bondage and power of my sinful self at Calvary. Live this life today through me by Your indwelling Holy Spirit and accomplish Your purpose in me. Thank You, Jesus. I love you. AMEN.

A FINAL WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

This is just the *beginning* of the grand adventure of **WALKING WITH GOD in the power of the Holy Spirit**. Much more is to be learned. Remember, if you should *lose* a **few** skirmishes in the battle against satan, that is **no sign** or reason to believe you have "lost the war." "Greater is He that is in *you*, than he that is in the world." 1 Jn. 4:4

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SO GLAD YOU MET GOD!

By Ralph Sutera

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is the greatest adventure in life! It is thrilling when that walk becomes a glorious reality because of meeting God on His terms!

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is more than a mere decision to live a better life. Nor is it another attempt to rededicate yourself to Christ in hopes to "succeed" in life.

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit in the dynamics of spiritual victory is the direct result of obedience in dealing with our sins and self-life in order to be filled with His power. God cannot fill with **Himself** those who tolerate sin and continue to be full of themselves.

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is the **only** solution to facing life in the midst of a "crooked and perverse generation" around us. Don't miss God's solution for daily living!

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is to live moment by moment in a conscious awareness of His presence in your life and with a keen sensitivity to all known disobedience to His truth. The Word of God and the work of God must now be given rightful, first place in your life!

WALKING WITH GOD in His Spirit is very personal and will affect **everyone** around you and **everything** about you. Share with your pastor what God has done in you as soon as possible. Attend as many services as possible where the focal point is the necessity for Christ to be Lord of your life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let God amplify these truths in your heart!

GET ON in the *grand adventure* of **WALKING WITH GOD!**

Study the rest of this folder with your Bible open for the **way to live**. Cross reference each verse to learn the Scriptural truth of your commitment to Christ. Notice also what great men of God in the past have said about these things.

DEAL WITH SINS: Forgiveness and Cleansing

- The requirement for meeting God. Prov. 28:13; I Jn. 1:8
- The blood of Christ alone provides the remedy. Rom. 5:8-9; Heb. 9:11-14, 22, 28
- Sins **must** be *honestly* confessed and forgiveness received. Ps. 32:1-2

*Revival is the beginning of obedience to God. Just as in the case of a converted sinner, the **FIRST** step is a **DEEP REPENTANCE**, a breaking down of heart, a getting down into the dust before God, with deep humility and a **FORSAKING** (turning away from) of sin.*

---Charles G. Finney

SALVATION

- Recognize** your condition --a sinner separated from a holy God. Isa. 59:1-2; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:23; 6:23
- Confess** and repent of your sins--specifically the sin of controlling your life and rejecting Christ as Lord and Saviour. Claim forgiveness and cleansing. Eccl. 7:29; Isa. 53:6; Jn. 3:18, 36
- Open** your heart to invite and receive Christ into your life. Isa. 55:6-7; Jn. 1:12; II Cor. 5:17

- **Thank God** for forgiveness and cleansing as you turn from sin. **Thanking is always the first step of faith!** Claim it by faith, *not* by feelings. II Cor. 9:15; Heb. 11:1, 6a
- **Make complete restitution.** It is necessary for a clear conscience and evidences true confession and repentance. Make things right with others in areas the Holy Spirit reveals to you. Matt. 5:23-24; 6:12; 18:21; Acts 24:16

DEALING WITH SINS IS NOT ENOUGH for spiritual victory. It is merely the way into **forgiveness** and **cleansing**. You must deal with the "root" problem from which all sin springs forth. **Don't Stop Here!**

DEAL WITH SELF: Deliverance from Bondage

- "Old man" in Romans 6:6 is translated "self."
- The "self-life" relates to the inherent contaminated, proud, selfish spirit that controls you and prevents the reality of the "Christ-life" in the personality of the believer.
- God does **not** seek to *destroy* the personality, but deals with the contamination that distorts the believer's life. John 12:24-25 shows the same corn of wheat bringing forth fruit *after* "death." God uses the *same* personality and abilities for *His* glory when "self" is dealt with at the cross.

HOW TO DEAL WITH SELF

- Recognize** "self" was crucified with Christ on the cross and is *not* to be served. Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20

Next to seeing Jesus as my Sacrifice, nothing has revolutionized my life like seeing the effigy of my sinful self in the sinless dying Saviour. I say to myself....God has nailed the likeness of my self-life to the Cross...

---F.B. Meyer

- Agree** with God's verdict by repenting for allowing self to control your life. The self-life deserves "death." Job 42:6; Lk. 9:24; Rom. 7:14-25 (especially see verse 18)
- Renounce** all personal rights and accept your "death-union" with Christ already provided for on the cross. By faith through the act of your will, bring "self" to the cross to daily live the "crucified life." The spirit of pride no longer is to reign as "king." Rom. 6:10-14; 16-23; Col. 3:1-10; Eph. 4:20-24

If, then, God has treated the likeness of my sinful self, when borne by the sinless Christ, as worthy of His curse, how terrible in God's sight it must be for myself to hug it, and embrace it, and live for it.

---F.B. Meyer

- Thank God** for deliverance from the bondage and contamination of self-centeredness. Claim it to be so by a conscious exercise of **faith**, *not* by feelings. Thank Jesus for providing *freedom* from the power of sin and satan as you accept *His* Lordship over your life. **Thanking is the first step of faith!** Heb. 2:14; 11:1, 6a

DEALING WITH SINS AND SELF IS NOT ENOUGH for spiritual victory. It is the way into forgiveness, cleansing and deliverance from the bondage of self controlling the life. **God's power** must function daily in your personal life. **Don't Stop Here!**

DEAL WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT: Victory and Power

- The Holy Spirit enters when a person is converted. As Inner Helper (Comforter) *He* alone controlling enables Christ to be enthroned *Lord* and *King* of your life. *He* alone exalts Christ. Rom. 8:9; I Jn. 3:24; Jn. 16:13-14
- The Holy Spirit is the spirit of Christ. *He* must control. *Only* a Spirit-controlled believer can express true qualities of the indwelling Christ through his personality by allowing the Spirit to teach and reprove daily. Jn. 14:26; 16:7-14; II Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 5:18-6:9; Col. 3:12-17
- The words "holy," "filled" and "fulness" refer to God's *pure* and *clean* spirit--the *Holy* Spirit. A vessel must be cleansed and purged to be "filled." Only when sins are cleansed and the life is purged from the domination of self can a believer be filled (controlled) by the Spirit as he yields to that Spirit. II Tim. 2:20-21; Eph. 3:19; 5:18-21; Rom. 6:13
- If we believe prayer is the "breath of the Spirit," not being filled explains *prayerlessness*. This produces faithlessness, failures, weakness, coldness, callousness and compromise in a person's spiritual life. Gal. 5:16-17

The disciples were all filled with the Spirit. And we? Our business is to see to it that in our own lives we unclog (purge) the channels, open the windows and the doors, and let the Holy Spirit have His way with us. Then through us, God will be seen and the work of Christ will be accomplished.

---G. Campbell Morgan

HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- By **recognizing and confessing to God** the sin of disobeying the command to be "filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18; 4:30
- By **hungering and thirsting** after righteousness. Being content with things as they are will never produce it. Matt. 5:6; Jn. 4:14; II Cor. 12:9a
- By **believing, inviting, and claiming**. It is a conscious act, by faith, *not* by feelings. Lk. 11:9-13; Gal. 3:14; Eph. 3:17-19; I Thess. 5:24
- Thank God** for the Spirit's filling (controlling). **Thanking is the first step of faith!** *Settle it!* Col. 3:15-17; Rom. 14:23b; Heb. 11:1, 6a

CONTINUING DAILY is *most important*. It is a *lifestyle* to be lived. God gives us the pattern for this *daily* living. Learn how to make this "truth experience" practical in your personal life. **Don't Stop Here!**