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## The Fire Of Revival

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Sooner or later every individual Christian, family, and church will have a need for Revival. It must start in the individual, continue to his or her family, and then affect the church body.

As Christians live in a world that is filled with sin, our spiritual life can drain down like a car battery. And once this happens, we need to be re-charged spiritually! In the church we call this REVIVAL! Churches schedule revival services periodically, so that the saints of God can get revived.

Billy Sunday said,

“They tell me a revival is only temporary; so is a bath, but it does you good.”

When is Revival Needed?

- A. Whenever the love of God’s people has grown cold.
- B. Consider the symptoms of its needs.
  - 1. Complacency: self-satisfaction with self & things
  - 2. Lack of concern for the lost.
  - 3. Hiding or covering secret sins.
  - 4. Animosity toward other Christians.
  - 5. Having an unforgiving spirit.
  - 6. Being filled with pride.
  - 7. Any condition of spiritual standing where we are less than we were before: BACKSLIDDEN!

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## Some Principles Of Revival

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by ALAN REDPATH

Some time ago at an all night of prayer in my church I read a list which I called “Self-Examination Questions,” because I am desperately concerned in my own life on these things.

I want to give this list to you, lest you think it is a comfortable, easy sort of business, this recognition of sin in my own life:

What about my relationship with men?

Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am a better man than I really am?

Is there the least suspicion of hypocrisy in my life?

Am I honest in all my words and acts?

Do I exaggerate?

Am I reliable? Can I be trusted?

Do I confidentially pass on what was told to me in confidence?

Do I grumble and complain in the church?

Am I jealous, impure, irritable, touchy, distrustful?

Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?

Am I proud?

Do I thank God I am not as other people?

Is there anyone I fear, or dislike, or criticize, or resent?

If so, what am I doing about it?

What about my devotion to God?

Does the Bible live to me?

Do I give it time to speak to me?

Do I go to bed in time and do I get up in time?

Am I enjoying my prayer life today?

Did I enjoy it this morning?

When I am involved in a problem in life, do I use my tongue or my knees to solve it?

Am I disobeying God in anything, or insisting upon doing something about which my conscience is very uneasy?

When did I last speak to someone else with the object of trying to win him for Christ?

Am I a slave to books, dress, friends, work, or traditions? How do I spend my spare time?

# **PRESCRIPTION FOR REVIVAL**

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by **R. A. Torrey**

I can give a prescription that will bring revival—revival to any church, or community, or any city on earth.

First: Let a few Christians, they need not be many, get thoroughly right with God. If this is not done, the rest will come to nothing.

Second: Let them bind themselves together to pray for revival until God opens the windows of heaven and comes down.

Third: Let them put themselves at the disposal of God for His use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all. I have given this prescription around the world... and in no instance has it failed.

It cannot fail.

It was D. L. Moody who said, "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And that which I can do, by the grace of God, I will do." With that simple commitment, God used him to bring revival to England and America.

Charles G. Finney said something interesting: "There can be no revival when Mr. Amen and Mr. Wet-Eyes are not found in the audience."

## **REVIVAL**

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If all the sleeping folk will wake up,  
If all the lukewarm folk will fire up,  
If all the dishonest folk will confess up,  
If all the disgruntled folk will cheer up,  
If all the depressed folk will cheer up,  
If all the estranged folk will make up,  
If all the gossipers will shut up,  
If all true soldiers will stand up,  
If all the dry bones will shake up,  
If all the church members will pray up...  
Then we can have a revival!

---R.G. Lee