



Revival

Shrubs

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Dear Shrubberies!

At 4:30 this morning, I have begun baby steps towards personal revival in my life.

Revival is simply...

"God purifying and healing my heart and life with a fresh moving of His Holy Spirit, that enables me to walk in freedom, love, rejoicing and the power of God. Living a life under his control, glorifying Him, which creates a spiritual awakening among the lost and spiritual freshness among His people."

II Chronicles 7:14 is my map. I must:

- ~ Humble myself in prayer
- ~ Seek Jesus' face for one on one meetings with Him in solitude
- ~ Ask God to reveal and remove any and all wickedness in me
- ~ Repent when He convicts me

The spiritual climate of the town I live in is in opposition to Revival. **The temptation to succumb is constant.** But I remember Jesus when He prayed..."Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.", he had just finished listing the temptations we would confront and the evils we should avoid.



His list is now my list. **Lord keep me from:**

- ~ A rich attitude, where I love money, pleasure and things
- ~ A calloused heart towards sin
- ~ Pride and a controlling spirit
- ~ Lust for forbidden things
- ~ Withholding forgiveness
- ~ Ignoring the poor
- ~ Being divisive or jealous towards other believers
- ~ Fearing people and avoiding God's work
- ~ Badmouthing or insulting believers
- ~ Lying
- ~ Murdering people with my words - anger
- ~ Sexual impurity in mind and body
- ~ Breaking promises
- ~ Revenge

Anytime He reveals any of these things in my life, I seek to repent and turn from them and receive the accompanying healing and strength.

According to Jesus in Matthew 5-7, the secrets to Revival are:

- ~ Fasting in **PRIVATE** where only He knows
- ~ Keeping Christ as my prize possession, not things
- ~ Confessing and repenting of worry
- ~ Refusing to judge others
- ~ Giving freely to those in need
- ~ **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!** Don't babble, just ask!
- ~ Praying for those on the broad road to destruction, but don't get sucked into their ways or attitudes
- ~ Being REALLY ALERT for those who act the part of being God's, but who's lives are devoid of fruit
- ~ **Be humble, repent, pray . . . DAILY!**

M.T. Sellers, the most godly man I ever met, favorite verse was Psalms 85:6,
"Lord will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"

**Before God can change the World around us,
He must remove the World from our hearts!**

Join me, begin to earnestly seek a fresh outpouring of God on your life.

PRAY FOR REVIVAL.

Love as always,
Brad

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