

Can We Have Revival?

We cannot have revival.

- We rely too much on other things - possessions, accomplishments, comfort, the "American Dream" - our own little "kingdoms."
- We do not have an intense abhorrence of sin, but we actually flirt with it.
- We have too many religious activities, too many Christian "resources," sometimes too much "knowledge" of the truth - but not a sense of utter dependence on the Word of God, and on the God of the Word.
- We are not disciples of Christ, willing to have the kingdom of God as the ultimate focus of our lives.
- We do not have an all-consuming desire to live the "radical" expression of love for God and neighbor - and "neighbor" includes our enemies and the people we do not feel "comfortable" around.

But if we are willing to change the way we think and act -

- if we are willing to love God more than our possessions and accomplishments - all that we have
- and to love our neighbor and his good more than we love ourselves
- and to hate sin with all our might, while at the same time refusing to back down from a genuine - and even sacrificial - love for the sinner
- and to live with utter dependence on God - his Word to us and our prayer to him

... then revival cannot help but come.

But actually, it will already be

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