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Revival - The Heart of the Matter is the Matter of the Heart

- Revival & me
- The word revival isn't in the New Testament but it doesn't mean it isn't present.

Psalm 85:6-7 Will You not revive us again, **That Your people may rejoice in You?** [7] Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation.

Proverbs 18:12 Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility. *In discussing what might help usher in revival, many things might be mentioned. But one thing is certain, it will not happen without humility, and pride can kill a work of the Spirit. **Many positive things were happening at Asbury, but 2 things that seemed to be present were confession and humility.***

Ephesians 5:18-19 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, [19] speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. *(This is the type of heart the Lord desires for His people.)*

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? [10] I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. *Verse 9 reveals the heart of man out of fellowship with God. Verse 10: However, if we invite Him to search our heart and cleanse us, He will.*

1 Samuel 16:6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!" [7] But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." *(The great prophet of God judged by outward appearance. God looked at the heart, which Samuel was not able to do.)*

Acts 15:8-9 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, [9] and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. *All of us need to have our hearts purified. None of us can do it ourselves. God purifies them through faith in the work of the cross.*

Matthew 15:8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.' *It is completely possible to speak the right words while our hearts are far from God.*

Acts 4:32-33 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. [33] And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. *Although the work of the Spirit must happen one individual at a time, the fact that the early church was of one heart and one soul seemed to greatly affect the mighty move of God.*

Gipsy Smith was an evangelist used by God for over 70 years. When asked how to start a revival, he answered: "Go home, lock yourself in your room, and kneel down in the middle of the floor. Draw a chalk mark all around yourself and ask God to start a revival inside that chalk mark. When He has answered your prayer, the revival will be on.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. *(We must never seek to use the flesh to produce the conviction of the Spirit.)*