

## PREPARING FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL

1. **Pray** the prayer of the psalmist: "*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 of everlasting.*" Psalm 139:23-24
  2. Be **totally honest** as you answer each question.
  3. **Agree with God** about each need He reveals in your life. Confess each sin, with the willingness to make it right.
  4. **Repent** from sin! Turn from every sin the Lord reveals in your heart and forsake it.
  5. **Praise God** for His cleansing and forgiveness.
  6. **Review** these questions periodically to remain sensitive to your need for ongoing revival.
1. **Genuine Salvation** – "*Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*" 2 Corinthians 5:17
    - a. Was there ever a time in my life that I genuinely repented of my sin?
    - b. Was there ever a time in my life that I placed all my trust in Jesus Christ alone to save me?
  2. **God's Word** – "*O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.*" Psalm 119:97
    - a. Do I live to read and meditate on the Word of God?
    - b. Are my personal devotions consistent and meaningful?
    - c. Do I practically apply God's Word to my everyday life?
  3. **Humility** – "*For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*" Isaiah 57:15
    - a. Am I quick to recognize and agree with God in confession when I have sinned?
    - b. Am I quick to admit to others when I am wrong?
    - c. Do I rejoice when others are praised and recognized, and my accomplishments go unnoticed by men? (Romans 12:15)
    - d. Do I esteem all others better than myself? (Philippians 2:3-4)
  4. **Obedience** – "*Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*" Hebrews 13:17
    - a. Do I consistently obey what I know God wants me to do? (James 1:21-25)
    - b. Do I consistently obey the human authorities God has placed over my life?
  5. **Pure Heart** – "*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
    - a. Do I confess my sins by name?
    - b. Do I keep "short sin accounts" with God (confess and forsake as He convicts)?
    - c. Am I willing to give up all sin for God?
  6. **Clear Conscience** – "*And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men.*" Acts 24:16
    - a. Do I consistently seek forgiveness from those I wrong or offend?
    - b. Is my conscience clear with every man? (Can I honestly say, "There is no one I have wronged or offended in any way and not gone back to them and sought their forgiveness and made it right"?)
  7. **Priorities** – "*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*" Matthew 6:33
    - a. Does my schedule reveal that God is first in my life?
    - b. Does my checkbook reveal that God is first in my life?
    - c. Next to my relationship with God, is my relationship with my family my highest priority?
  8. **Values** – "*Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;*" Colossians 3:12
    - a. Do I love what God loves and hate what God hates?
    - b. Do I value highly the things that please God (e.g., giving, witnessing to lost souls, studying His Word and prayer)?
    - c. Are my affections and goals fixed on eternal values?

9. **Sacrifice** – *"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,"* Philippians 3:7-8
  - a. Am I willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary to see God move my life and church (time, convenience, comfort, reputation, pleasures, etc.)?
  - b. Is my life characterized by genuine sacrifice for the cause of Christ?
10. **Spirit Control** – *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."* Galatians 5:22-25
  - a. Am I allowing Jesus to be Lord of every area of my life?
  - b. Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to fill (control) my life each day?
  - c. Is there consistent evidence of the "fruit of the Spirit" being produced in my life?
11. **"First Love"** – *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. For I am in a strait between two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:"* Philippians 1:21 ,23
  - a. Am I as much in love with Jesus as I have ever been?
  - b. Am I thrilled with Jesus, filled with His joy and peace, and making Him the continual object of my love?
12. **Motives** – *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."* Matthew 10:28
  - a. Am I more concerned about what God thinks about my life than about what others think?
  - b. Would I pray, read my Bible, give, and serve as much if nobody but God ever noticed?
  - c. Am I more concerned about pleasing God than I am about being accepted and appreciated by men?
13. **Moral Purity** – *"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."* Ephesians 5:3-4
  - a. Do I keep my mind free from books, magazines, movies or other entertainment that could stimulate fantasizing or thoughts that are not morally pure?
  - b. Are my conversation and behavior pure and above reproach?
14. **Forgiveness** – *"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."* Colossians 3: 12-13
  - a. Do I seek to resolve conflicts in relationships as soon as possible?
  - b. Am I quick to forgive those who wrong me or hurt me?
15. **Sensitivity** – *"Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift."* Matthew 5:23-24
  - a. Am I sensitive to the conviction and promptings of God's Spirit?
  - b. Am I quick to respond in humility and obedience to the conviction and promptings of God's Spirit?
16. **Evangelism** – *"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:"* Romans 9:3
  - a. Do I have a burden for lost souls?
  - b. Do I consistently witness for Christ?
17. **Prayer** – *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;"* I Timothy 2:1
  - a. Am I faithful in praying for the needs of others?
  - b. Do I pray specifically, fervently, and faithfully for revival in my life, my church, our nation, and the world?