

SOUL ON FIRE

DO YOU WANT TO BE REVIVED?

James 1:21-25 Jeff Schreve

*Will You not Yourself revive us again, That Your people
may rejoice in You? Psalm 85:6*

Q. What are the critical components to revival?

A. Revelation, Confession/Repentance, Prayer, and the Word.

1. We must prepare our hearts for the Word of God.

*Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD Until He
comes to rain righteousness on you. Hosea 10:12*

A. We deal with all our filthiness.

*If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear.
Psalm 66:18*

B. We sweep all the corners of hidden sin and wicked motives.

2. We must humbly receive the Word of God.

A. We are open to the truth and correction of the Word.

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man
of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17*

B. We let the Word take root in our hearts.

*“And the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the
word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with
perseverance.” Luke 8:15*

3. We must diligently apply the Word of God.

*But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude
themselves. James 1:22*

A. Many of us are merely hearers of the Word.

*“There is an evil which I have seen under the sun. It is the glaring
disparity between theology and practice among professing
Christians. So wide is the gulf that separates theory from practice*

in the church that an inquiring stranger who chances upon both would scarcely dream that there was any relation between them. An intelligent observer of our human scene who heard the Sunday morning sermon and later watched the Sunday afternoon conduct of those who had heard it would conclude that he has been examining two distinct and contrary religions. It appears that too many Christians want to enjoy the thrill of feeling right but are not willing to endure the inconvenience of being right. So the divorce between theory and practice becomes permanent. Truth sits forsaken and grieves till her professed followers come home for a brief visit, but she sees them depart again when the bills come due.” A. W. Tozer

1. This reveals a huge pride problem.
2. This reveals a huge selfishness problem.
3. This reveals a huge self-deception problem.

Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin. James 4:17

B. True Christianity is hearing and obeying the Word.

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. James 1:23-24

Hearing God's teaching and doing nothing is like looking at your face in the mirror and doing nothing about what you saw. You go away and immediately forget how bad you looked. James 1:23-24 ERV

But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.

James 1:25

What is God calling you to do TODAY to be a doer of the Word?