

Why Revivals End (reverse and you have the 10 reasons revival continues) – Alistair Petrie – 5.11.04

1. A loss of persevering leadership – giants in the land will come after the marketplace apostles, pastors, etc. – individually removed unless arms hooked together.

Three Things as a Leader you will experience as you move toward Revival.

a. **Private Pressure** – all hell breaks loose in your own life. I have experienced this.

b. **Public Pressure.** Nehemiah 6 – this man wants to be King of Chico. Who does he think he is? Potential for intimidation rises up and fighting back. Nehemiah – I have a work to do and refused a potential dynamite stick. (Ex. Not

c. **Prophetic Pressure** – God is telling me Larry that what you are doing is not of God. One of the most challenging issues to face a leader. Jer. 23. Have these people ever stood in the temple of God and asked God. Be very careful who you let pray into your life. Limit your prayer shield, and if words come from outside, give it to your prayer shield and your wife to test.

2. Lack of sustained prevailing prayer - must become people of tenacity and aggressiveness in prayer. Expectant prayer. Preparing the way for the corporate eyes to see Jesus and his Presence. Arnold may stand up and say that Jesus is the Lord of this State.

3. Loss of intimacy/holiness with the Father – The Fear of the Lord vs the fear of man.

4. Compromise and justification over issue of “sin” within the Christian community. Sin, Dandelions and Polo fields (Ch. 6). Renewal is not the same as revival. Can’t get comfortable in renewal. Today’s renewal becomes tomorrow’s tradition and becomes an impediment for new wineskins. Continue to seek the fresh, on-going vision of God (new every morning)

5. Improper or neglected stewardship of “new territory”. Stewarding the Territory. Continue extend your tent pegs, your times of prayer and fasting. We must learn how to guard, keep and occupy. I.e. nurturing of new territory, leadership relationships, corporate times of prayer, fasting, inter-church venues, regular prayer walking of new territory, extending tent pegs correctly. Must

occupy new territory. Good stewardship means increasing responsibility

6. Not mentoring the next generation – Must make sure that revival comes into all generations. Be mentoring the next generation – constant modeling/protecting/educating. Have young people around you, younger than you, they will go for it with their enthusiasm.

7. We cease undertaking "A.O.K" acts of kindness – Is everything A.O.K.? Jesus was moved with compassion – renewed care for the impoverished is a high agenda item for sustaining revival/transformation. Is everything A.O.K.? Acts of kindness for your City.

8. Not establishing watchmen in place – establishing watchmen to stand guard, keeping them informed. When God comes to town, it is not the end, but the beginning. More territory means more responsibility – “keep watch” over potential “footholds”, especially as the territory grows.

9. Not praying Godly gatekeepers into place. Pray Godly Gatekeepers into place

Clergy/pastors/politicians/ Educators economists/ health officials/ certain indigenous leaders. Sphere of influence for an entire territory.

10. We allow jealousy/personal ambition /denominationalism /understanding/competitiveness/individualism/ criticism to influence to us. Diary and timetables, pride and ambition developed. The Unity Principle