

PERSONAL REVIVAL

In his book, *The Size of the Soul*, A.W. Tozer is adamant that if we attend prayer meetings to pray for revival, call on God for revival, but are unwilling for God to make it a personal revolution in our lives, that we pray in vain. In fact, Tozer believes that revival must first be a work of God in you and me before it can have any corporate manifestation.

Here is what Tozer says needs to happen in you and me for revival to take place:

- 1.) Get thoroughly dissatisfied with yourself. Complacency is the deadly enemy of spiritual progress.
- 2.) Set your face like a flint toward a sweeping transformation of your life. Timid experimenters are tagged for failure before they start.
- 3.) Put yourself in the way of the blessing. It is a mistake to look for grace to visit us as a kind of benign magic, or to expect God's help to come as a windfall apart from conditions known and met.
- 4.) Do a thorough job of repenting. Do not hurry to get it over with.
- 5.) Make restitution whenever possible.
- 6.) Bring your life into accord with the Sermon on the Mount and such other New Testament Scriptures as are designed to instruct us in the way of righteousness.
- 7.) Be serious minded. You can well afford to see fewer comedy shows on TV. Unless you break away from the funny boys, every spiritual impression will continue to be lost to your heart, and right in your own living room.
- 8.) Deliberately narrow your interests. The Christian life requires that we be specialists.
- 9.) Begin to witness.
- 10.) Have faith in God.