

# Experiencing God's Presence and Living God's power

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# Reflection on The State Of The Church Today

- If the Holy spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95% of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference.
- If the Holy spirit had been withdrawn from the new Testament church 95% of what they did would stop and everybody would know the difference.

» A. W. Tozer

# The State of the Church Today

- Apathy
- Shallowness
- Worldliness
- Failure to Give
- Pastoral Burnout

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- Teenage dropout
- Fear of Evangelism
- Flabby self-discipline
- Maxed out schedule (with no real purpose or result)
- A chronic shortage of strong and committed men

# Roots of Our Problem # 1

1. Lack of Connectedness.

John 15:1-5

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- I am the true vine and my father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you.

# Lack of Connectedness.

- No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remain in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

» John 15:1-5

- The first lesson to be taught the workers in our institutions is the lesson of dependence upon God. Before they can attain success in any line, they must, each for himself, accept the truth contained in the words of Christ: "Without Me ye can do nothing."

– {7T 194.1}



- Let nothing, however dear, however loved, absorb your mind and affections, diverting you from the study of God's word or from earnest prayer. Watch unto prayer.  
– (8T 53)

# Roots of Our Problem # 2

Too much reliance on human efforts.

Zechariah 4:6

This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel :  
“not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit ,”  
says the LORD Almighty.

# Unplugged Ministry

“The reason why our preachers (we) accomplish so little is that they do not walk with God. He is a day’s journey from most of them” (*Testimonies, Vol. 1*, p. 434).

- What the church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use, men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy spirit does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men, men of prayer.

» E. M. Bound on the Holy Spirit

# Quotes to Remember

- “When I try to accomplish by human means what can be done only by spiritual means, I embezzle God’s authority.”

Fred Smith, Sr.

# God's Solution

- Acts 1:8
  - » Waite
  - » Pray
  - » Receive power
  - » Evangelize

- The Lord is willing to do great things for us. We shall not gain the victory through numbers, but through the full surrender of the soul to Jesus. We are to go forward in His strength, trusting in the mighty God of Israel. . . .

– (Sons & Daughters of God 279)

- God can do more with one man who is 100% committed to Him than a whole army of men who are 99% committed to Him.

» John Wesley



Prayer is the means by which  
God uses to release His renewal

# The Essence Of Revival

2 Chronicles 7:14

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- If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

# The Churches' Greatest Need

1 SM, 120-128

- A revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs. To seek this should be our first work...But it is our work, by confession, humiliation, repentance and earnest prayer, to fulfill the conditions upon which God has promised to grant us His blessing.

# The Churches' Greatest Need

- A revival need be expected only in answer to prayer. While the people are so destitute of God's Holy Spirit, they cannot appreciate the preaching of the word; but when the Spirit's power touches their hearts, then the discourses given will not be without effect.

- Those who do not learn every day in the school of Christ, who do not spend much time in earnest prayer, are not fit to handle the work of God in any of its branches; for if they do, human depravity will surely overcome them and they will lift up their souls unto vanity. Those who become co-workers with Jesus Christ, and who have spirituality to discern spiritual things, will feel their need of virtue and of wisdom from Heaven in handling His work. (TM 169)

■ “The lasting value of our public service for God is measured by the depth of the intimacy of our private times of fellowship and oneness with Him.”

» Oswald Chambers

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# Spirit Of The Living God



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- Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on us
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- Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
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