

**REVIVAL: PROMOTE OR PREVENT IT!**  
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**2 CHRONICLES. 7:12-14**

**INTRODUCTION:** The temple was finished, Solomon prays a dedicatory prayer, the fire of God falls, the glory fills the temple, and the people bow in worship before God. After eight days, the Lord appears to Solomon and reveals what promotes or prevents His presence and blessings among them.

Disobedience and rebellion prevent revival, while repentance and obedience promote revival. These verses speak to Israel, but they also speak to every generation of God's people. "If my people."

**PRIDE AND HUMILITY**

1. Pride prevents revival.
  - A. Defined – To think of oneself more highly than one should.
    - Individually – **ROM. 12:3**
    - Collectively – **REV. 3:17a**
  - B. God hates pride. **PR. 6:16-17a**
  - C. God resists the proud. **JAMES 4:7**
2. Humility promotes revival.
  - A. Defined – To bow down, bend the knee, to submit to another.
  - B. **1 PET. 5:6-7** – Humility brings God's presence and blessings.
  - C. **JOHN 15:5** – What can we do without our Lord?

**PRAYERLESSNESS AND PRAYER**

1. Prayerlessness prevents revival.
  - A. Closely related to pride, it says "I don't need God's help, I can make it on my own; I'm all I need."
2. Prayer promotes revival.
  - A. **MK. 1:35** – Jesus was a revival and prayer was His catalyst.
  - B. Prayer says "I need God's help, I can't do it on my own!"
  - C. **JONAH 3:8** – They humbled themselves and prayed, then God moved.

**NOT SEEKING AND SEEKING**

1. Not seeking prevents revival.
  - A. **HEB. 11:6** – We must seek His presence diligently.
2. Seeking promotes revival.
  - A. **JER. 29:11-13** – To seek means to search with passionate desire, to hunger, thirst and long for – **PS. 63:1-3, PS. 42:1-2a**
  - B. How much time do we give to wholeheartedly seeking God?

**NOT TURNING AND TURNING**

1. Not turning prevents revival.
  - A. Defined – To repent, to forsake whatever displeases God.
  - B. **IS. 59:1-2** – Sin separates from God's presence and blessings.
2. Turning promotes revival.
  - A. We change our way of thinking and acting, asking God's forgiveness for sins of omission and commission.
  - B. **PS. 51:1-3, 10-12**

**THE BLESSINGS AND REWARDS**

1. He hears us. **PS. 34:15-17**
2. He forgives us. **PS. 103:3**
3. He heals our land – whatever pertains to our lives. It could be Spiritual, physical, emotional, financial, relational, but the idea is stay with it until His glory comes down.