

Twice a year in Prescott we hold a week of revival services. Ever wonder why? In this lesson I want to give you an understanding on: **The Purpose of Revival/ The Guest Speaker/ Preparing For Revival.**

James 4:8 (NKJV) ⁸ Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

I THE PURPOSE OF REVIVAL:

A- It's important to understand first Why we have Revivals:

1. It's an Evangelistic Tool: The MAIN aim is to draw visitors in to get saved.
 - a. Revival advertisement needs a draw/It needs a hook that pulls on the interest of sinners.
 - i. What is the theme... many times this is determined by what the guest preacher has to bring...
2. It brings a Supernatural Dimension: This dimension is determined by what the evangelist has experience in-
 - a. What is the strength of their ministry.
3. Its important that you can identify this... and very important: Do they have what you don't have?
 - a. Because if its going to just be more sermons; *you can do that-*
 - i. In areas I have ministered; this was a new concept for Pastors... they viewed it as- *This is what we do.*

II THE GUEST SPEAKER:

A- Not all preacher's are the same!

1. Some have an Evangelistic Gift: They have the ability to fire people up/Inspire them/Quicken them
2. Some have a Supernatural Dimension: Gifting of the HG... Words/Healing/Prophecy
3. Some have a supernatural drawing: Testimony/ End Times/ Grace or Compassion draws people.
4. Some have words of anointing: Words they speak have lasting impact/people make life altering choices.
5. Some men have a foundational ministry: They can implement foundational doctrines & fundamental salvation

B- So; The speaker should add something to the congregation-

1. Do they have personal breakthrough? Do they have a supernatural edge? Do they have experience?

III PREPARING FOR REVIVAL:

A- Three ways we prepare for a revival:

- a. Evangelist Dennis Wright:
 1. Prepare in Outreach: Start to Advertise 4 weeks in advance (Flyers & online advertisement)
 - a. Get the word out... the more seed you scatter, the more chance for harvest.
 2. Prepare the church: As a Pastor; Your job is to prepare the congregation-
 - a. Preach & Teach about Revival/ Tell the church what to expect/ Fast & Pray
 - i. Passage: *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you...*
 3. Prepare yourself: Prepare to receive... prepare to be ministered to... prepare in faith... prepare in prayer-
 - a. Text: Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded...
 - i. This is about preparing your heart...