

# WHAT REVIVAL LOOKS LIKE

2 Cor. 7:11-16



**FIRED UP**



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Here are some better **definitions of revival**; these will be found to be more consistent with biblical teaching:

"Revival is a return to spiritual health after a period of decline into sin and broken fellowship with God...  
Revival is for God's people when they need to be forgiven and restored to life, spiritual health, and vitality"  
-Blackaby & King (Fresh Encounter, Lifeway, 1993)

- I. THE ATTITUDE CONFRONTING PRESSURE, 7:4-7
- II. THE ANSWER CONCERNING PURPOSE, 7:8-10



When revival is taking place in our hearts, we have a spiritually scrutinizing spirit that will affect our judgment, and consequently, our behavior.

### III. THE APPROACH'S CONSEQUENTIAL PRODUCTION, 7:11

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A. The Compassion – “...ye sorrowed after a godly sort...”

**Original Word:** λυπέω

**Transliteration:** lupeó

**Short Definition:** I pain, grieve, vex, make you **sorry**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3076.htm>

B. The Carefulness – “...what **carefulness** it wrought in you...”

**Original Word:** σπουδή

**Transliteration:** spoudé

**Definition:** (a) speed, haste, (b) **carefulness**, diligence, earnestness, enthusiasm.

Properly, swiftness to show *zealous diligence*, i.e. one's "best" (full effort by making haste).

For the believer, *spoudé* ("speedy diligence") means *quickly obeying* what the Lord reveals is *His priority*. This elevates the *better* over the good – the *more important* over the important – and does so with *earnest swiftness* (intensity).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4710.htm>



The “carefulness” is an ability to make decisions quickly and diligently that are motivated for the glory of God.

Rom. 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with **diligence**; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

2 Pet. 1:5 And beside this, giving all **diligence**, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

1 Cor. 11:31 For **if we would judge ourselves**, we should not be judged.



“...what carefulness it **wrought** in you...”

**Original Word:** κατεργάζομαι

**Transliteration:** katergazomai

**Definition:** I effect by labor, achieve, work out, bring about, **wrought in**.

Literally, "work *down* to the *end-point*," i.e. to an *exact*, definite conclusion (note the prefix, 2596 /*katá*); bring to *decisive finality* (*end-conclusion*).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2716.htm>

When revival works within our hearts, it affects us in what we do... “**wrought in**”



Phil. 2:13 For it is God which **worketh in you both to will and to do** of *his* good pleasure.

Psa. 37:4 **Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

5 **Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.**

C. The Clearing – “...*what* **clearing** of yourselves...”

**Original Word:** ἀπολογία

**Transliteration:** apologia

**Short Definition:** a verbal defense

[An "apology" in *classical* times had nothing to do with saying, "I'm sorry," but rather was a *reasoned argument* (defense) that presented *evidence* (supplied *compelling proof*).]

<http://biblehub.com/greek/627.htm>



Acts 22:1 Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my **defence** *which I make* now unto you.

1 Cor. 9:3 Mine **answer** to them that do examine me is this,

Phil. 1:17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the **defence** of the gospel.

1 Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an **answer** to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:



When revival has affected our heart, we will gladly “clear the air” about what we believe, unashamedly giving a “defense” of our faith.

D. The Conviction – “...yea, *what indignation*, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what vehement desire*, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge...”

**Original Word:** ἀγανάκτησις

**Transliteration:** aganaktésis

**Definition:** feeling of anger, **indignation**, vexation.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/24.htm>

A revived heart has righteous indignation against sin, the world, the flesh and the devil.



**Original Word:** ἐπιπόθησις

**Transliteration:** epipothésis

**Definition:** eager longing (desire), strong affection, “**vehement desire**”

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1972.htm>

A revived heart and spirit is passionate, not apathetic, about life and pleasing the Lord Jesus Christ!

**Original Word:** ζῆλος, ου, ὁ

**Transliteration:** zelos

**Short Definition:** eagerness, zeal, rivalry

[The root (zē-, "zeal") literally means "hot enough to *boil*." It is metaphorically used of "burning anger, love, zeal" (A-S) – i.e. *to burn (in spirit)*. (J. Thayer).]

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2205.htm>



Rev. 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then **because thou art lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

When we are apathetic about the things of God, we must realize our lukewarm condition and that it is displeasing to God!

Jn. 2:17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The **zeal** of thine house hath eaten me up.

A lack of desire, or disdain for the house of God is an indication of a heart desperately in need of revival!



**Original Word:** ἐκδίκησις

**Transliteration:** ekdikésis

**Definition:** (a) a defense, avenging or **revenge**, vindication, vengeance, (b) full (complete) punishment.

Properly, judgment which fully executes the core-values (standards) of the *particular* judge, i.e. extending *from* the inner-person of the judge *to* its out-come. <http://biblehub.com/greek/1557.htm>

E. The Completeness "...In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter."



When revival has affected our hearts, we are having a clear conscience in the way we live, whether in the home, the church, and as we labor in the world.

2 Cor. 1:12 For our rejoicing is this, **the testimony of our conscience**, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, **we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.**

1 Tim. 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and **of a good conscience**, and **of faith unfeigned**: ...

19 **Holding faith**, and a **good conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:



1 Tim. 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a **pure conscience**.

**Original Word:** συνίστημι, συνιστάνω

**Transliteration:** sunistémi and sunistanó

**Definition:** I place together, commend, prove or **approve**, exhibit; intrans: I stand with; I am composed of, cohere.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4921.htm>

Rom. 5:8 But God **commendeth** his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.



2 Cor. 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth **commending** ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2 Cor. 6:4 But in all *things* **approving** ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

**Original Word:** ἁγνός

**Transliteration:** hagnos

**Definition:** (originally, in a condition prepared for worship), pure (either ethically, or ritually, ceremonially), chaste. — “**clear**”

Properly, *pure* (to the *core*); *virginal* (chaste, unadulterated); pure *inside and out*; *holy* because *uncontaminated* (undefiled from sin), i.e. without spoilation even within (even down to the center of one's being); not *mixed* with guilt or anything **condemnable**. <http://biblehub.com/greek/53.htm>



2 Cor. 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as a chaste* virgin to Christ.

Phil. 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Jas. 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

1 Pet. 3:2 While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear.

1 Jn. 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.





## Conclusion

Col. 2:1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.