



# GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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## **Title:** Humility—The Key to Revival

*“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”  
(2 Chronicles 7:14)*

### INTRODUCTION

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### **R.A. Torrey’s Prescription for Revival:**

“I can give a prescription that will bring a revival to any church or community or any city on earth.

First, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential. If this is not done, the rest that I am to say will come to nothing.

Second, let them bind themselves together in a prayer group to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down.

Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all!

This is sure to bring a revival to any church or community. I have given this prescription around the world. It has been taken by many churches and many communities, and in no instance has it ever failed; and it cannot fail!”

## Definition of Revival:

“The sovereign activity of God whereby He renews His people individually and corporately in vigour, affecting both sincerity of belief and quality of behavior.”

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Hinders Genuine Revival

### A. God \_\_\_\_\_ Pride

*“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.” (Proverbs 6:16–19)*

### B. Pride \_\_\_\_\_ the Individual

*“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.” (Psalm 10:4)*

*“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. 19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.” (Proverbs 16:18–19)*

**Quote:** “God sends no one away empty, except those who come full of themselves.”—**Dwight L. Moody**

*“Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.” (Proverbs 26:12)*

### C. God \_\_\_\_\_ the Proud

*“A man’s pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.” (Proverbs 29:23)*

*“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your*

*laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.” (James 4:6-10)*

**Quote:** “Humility is to make a right estimate of one’s self.”  
—**Charles H. Spurgeon**

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Heartfelt Humility

**Quote:** “Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or irritated or sore or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me and when I am blamed or despised. It is to go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret, and be at peace as in the deep sea of calmness when all around and above is trouble.”—**Andrew Murray**

**Quote:** “Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil’s reach as humility.”—**Jonathan Edwards**

### A. God’s \_\_\_\_\_

*“The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just. 34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.” (Proverbs 3:33-34)*

### B. God’s \_\_\_\_\_

*“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. 14 Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.” (Proverbs 28:13-14)*

### C. God’s \_\_\_\_\_

*“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty*

*hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” (1 Peter 5:5-7)*

**D. God’s \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: 18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.” (Psalm 10:17-18)*

**CONCLUSION**

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