

# How to Stop Revival

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*[Nehemiah 12:43](#) And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy. The women and children also rejoiced. The sound of rejoicing in Jerusalem could be heard far away.*

*[Nehemiah 13:1-3](#) On that day the Book of Moses was read aloud in the hearing of the people and there it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever be admitted into the assembly of God, **2** because they had not met the Israelites with food and water but had hired Balaam to call a curse down on them. (Our God, however, turned the curse into a blessing.) **3** When the people heard this law, they excluded from Israel all who were of foreign descent.*

- How To Stop Revival: Imitate the world

*[2 Corinthians 5:20](#) We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

- We are called to be bold and compassionate ambassadors for Jesus

*[Nehemiah 13:10-12](#) I also learned that the portions assigned to the Levites had not been given to them, and that all the Levites and musicians responsible for the service had gone back to their own fields. **11** So I rebuked the officials and asked them, "Why is the house of God neglected?" Then I called them together and stationed them at their posts. **12** All Judah brought the tithes of grain, new wine and olive oil into the storerooms.*

- How To Stop Revival: Be stingy

*[Matthew 6:21](#) Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

- **Three purposes for the tithe:**

- 1 – To enjoy and celebrate God with our families
- 2 – To provide for those who serve us spiritually
- 3 – To take care of the needy
- When we are generous with our money, we point our hearts toward heaven

*[2 Corinthians 9:7](#) Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*[Nehemiah 13:15-19](#) In those days I saw people in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath and bringing in grain and loading it on donkeys, together with wine, grapes, figs and all other kinds of loads. And they were bringing all this into Jerusalem on the Sabbath. Therefore I warned them against selling food on that day. **16** People from Tyre who lived in Jerusalem were bringing in fish*

and all kinds of merchandise and selling them in Jerusalem on the Sabbath to the people of Judah. **17** I rebuked the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this wicked thing you are doing—desecrating the Sabbath day? **18** Didn't your ancestors do the same things, so that our God brought all this calamity on us and on this city? Now you are stirring up more wrath against Israel by desecrating the Sabbath." **19** When evening shadows fell on the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I ordered the doors to be shut and not opened until the Sabbath was over. I stationed some of my own men at the gates so that no load could be brought in on the Sabbath day.

**Nehemiah 13:22-27** Then I commanded the Levites to purify themselves and go and guard the gates in order to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember me for this also, my God, and show mercy to me according to your great love. **23** Moreover, in those days I saw men of Judah who had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab. **24** Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod or the language of one of the other peoples, and did not know how to speak the language of Judah. **25** I rebuked them and called curses down on them. I beat some of the men and pulled out their hair. I made them take an oath in God's name and said: "You are not to give your daughters in marriage to their sons, nor are you to take their daughters in marriage for your sons or for yourselves. **26** Was it not because of marriages like these that Solomon king of Israel sinned? Among the many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel, but even he was led into sin by foreign women. **27** Must we hear now that you too are doing all this terrible wickedness and are being unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women?"

- How To Stop Revival: Treat marriage with apathy
- Serve Jesus, serve each other, make disciples

**Nehemiah 13:28-31** One of the sons of Joiada son of Eliashib the high priest was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite. And I drove him away from me. **29** Remember them, my God, because they defiled the priestly office and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites. **30** So I purified the priests and the Levites of everything foreign, and assigned them duties, each to his own task. **31** I also made provision for contributions of wood at designated times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me with favor, my God.

- How To Stop Revival: Treat scripture as optional, not essential

**James 1:22** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

- May our church be known for our love and obedience to scripture

**Luke 19:41-42** As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it **42** and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

- Only Jesus can bring us true peace
- Text **YES** to 321.574.6970 if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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