

Keys to Personal Revival

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- **Leonard Ravenhill:** “Maybe you are the key to revival in your church.”

Revelation 2:1-5 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. **2** I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. **3** You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. **4** Yet I hold this against you:

1 Samuel 16:7 The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

Revelation 2:5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

- **Step 1 – REMEMBER**

Revelation 2:5a (NASB 1995) Therefore remember from where you have fallen...

- **Step 2 – REPENT**

- **CS LEWIS:** “It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

Psalms 16:1b (NKJV) In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- A relationship with God is something to be ENJOYED and not just ENDURED

- **Step 3 – REDO**

Revelation 2:5b (NASB 1995) ...repent and do the deeds you did at first;

- **Your homework assignment:**

- Take a personal inventory – identify the time that you were most connected with Jesus
- Make the decision to change
- Make the decision, every day, that TODAY is the day we are going to be most on-fire for God
- Start by doing those things you used to do when you were most on-fire for God

- Text **YES** to 321.574.6970 if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation.