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Abstract

This work is a study of Christian renewal movements in an attempt to answer the question, “What can the church do to promote revival?” It is hoped that this study will contribute to the pool of knowledge that will help prepare our generation for revival. From a study of Scripture and Church history, I have concluded that there are four things God is calling the church to do to prepare for revival:

- We must humble ourselves before God.
- We must increase our practice of prayer.
- We must earnestly seek the face of God.
- We must turn from our wicked ways.

Discovering what the church is called upon to do is only the first step. We must learn how to challenge and inspire the church to make the necessary sacrifices which these steps will require. This project is designed to measure these changes, which are assumed to contribute to the emergence of revival, as the students are exposed to some of the most dynamic spiritual revivals in history.

It is my thesis that an increased awareness of God's works of revival throughout church history will instill a dissatisfaction with the status quo, an increased expectation for the possibility of revival, and an urgent desire to seek and fulfill God's conditions for revival. If this is the case, the presentation of historical accounts of revivals could contribute to the emergence of a fresh revival in our generation.