

We Need an Awakening.

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Many of you may remembered the dream I had shared with you about being in the fair grounds and seeing many pastors scolding their churches for not helping in bringing Revival to their churches. I was so surprised to receive so many e-mails from Pastors, whose hearts were touched by the dream that I felt lead to attach some comments that came back.

"OH, LU! I JUST GOT YOUR INCREDIBLE LETTER ABOUT THAT DREAM!!!! And it was a heart-piercing, gut-wrenching, absolutely POWERFUL and pulverizing dream. It was CLEARLY from the Lord! I honestly wish I could say that it was nothing, was extraneous, that things aren't that bad, that pastors don't behave that way, that people aren't blamed, scolded, chided, made to feel guilty, that perhaps it was just too alarming a dream, and that things are seldom that way. Yes, I WISH I could say that. BUT I can't, because it would be outrageously inaccurate. The truth is, I am sorry to admit.... the truth IS, I must say.... the truth IS ----- that the dream you had accurately describes a sad situation that we must pray that we can do all in our power to repent of, and clean up, to say nothing of, bandage the bruises on the sheep who have been chafed by such behaviors. You accurately pinpointed that this has arisen from the human (fleshly) desire to receive the accolades for having "BROUGHT" the "Revival", when of course no human being can lay claim to having done such a thing.... "no flesh shall glory in His presence", and none of us dare forget that HE is Sovereign, and HE determines the "times of refreshing AND the times of the restoration of all things", which He's been speaking of by the mouth of the holy prophets since time immemorial, and which shall SURELY, according to His infallible word, will come to pass, as He swore it will. Yes, I do believe that we have stewardship and gardening, tending, sowing, weeping, praying, obedient positioning, waiting-on-God roles to play in the anticipation of revival..... and we must stand where He tells us to, and be ready, obedient, meek, diligent, etc, etc, etc, and I am all FOR that ----- but I deny that we can take the credit for what HE does, as every good gift initiates and originates in Him.

Man Did It pain me to read this vivid and accurate dream? Oh, yeah! You can be sure of it. But I am glad, ever so glad that you sent it. Thank you for thinking of me, and including me by sending it in email form. I almost wish I was bold enough to ask if I might share it with other ministers, Thank you br Lu."

"It is the truth... we all need to fall on our faces and repent of whatever sin of neglect or omission we have done."

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"Thank you Lu for sharing this. It is so timely. I pray it bears much, much fruit."

Allow me to share this word the Lord put on our hearts today.

Turn your bibles to Malachi 2:2

If ye will not hear, and if ye will not **lay it to heart**, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not **lay it to heart**.

2 If you do not **listen**, **and** if you do not **set your heart to honor my name**," says the LORD Almighty, "I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not **set your heart to honor me**
. (NIV)

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When I read this scripture, it really hit home, when the Lord is saying, I am speaking but you are not hearing, and you have not set your heart to honor me.

Many today talk about their calling and ministries and say that they are blessed because God used them. **We have no place to take credit for anything!** In all things we have to honor Him. Many think that God will not curse, but it says in the word, I will send curse upon you and curse your blessings. I know this is a strong word, but it is the truth.

See when Christian do not feel their dependence on the spirit, they believe they are strong in their own strength, God curses their blessings. In many instances, they sin against their own mercies, because they become proud of their success, and take credit themselves, and do not give glory to God. There is a great deal of this, undoubtedly going on, because there a great temptation, we must be watchful so we don't become conceited and grieve the spirit. **We must always stay humble before God.**

In the times that we are living in, it will be for our good if we are filled with the spirit of God in a greater measure, because by being filled, we would be a greater help to the Lord in establishing His coming Kingdom.

When you walk close to God and obey everything He says and stand up for righteousness, you will be called eccentric. I have never know a person who was filled with the spirit who was not called an eccentric. Because these people are not like other people, they act under

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different influences, take after different views, and are moved by different motives, they are led by a different spirit.

I have often heard people making remarks about other people, and when you ask them they will say, "oh they are good people, but they are a bit eccentric." And when asked "what do you mean?", they will say, "oh they are spiritual." There is such a thing as a false, affected eccentric. Horrible. Or one who is deeply filled with the spirit of God that they act strange and they seem eccentric to those who cannot understand the reason behind them being eccentric.

Apostle Paul was accused of being deranged by those who did not understand the power under which he acted. See Paul threw his whole soul into what he was in God. You must make up your mind to throw yourself to Jesus, the more you do this, and the more you will live out of the world, and will walk closer to God. The piety of the ministry, though real, is so superficial, in many instances, that the spiritual people of the church feel that ministers do not and cannot sympathize with them. This evil is one of the worst we are experiencing today. The preaching does not meet the congregations' needs. It is not feeding them. The ministers do not have enough depth or revelatory experience, as to how to wake up the church, help people who are always living in temptations.

Understand when a minister has gone as far as his experience in spiritual exercise goes, he stops. Until his heart has been broken up afresh, and he/she starts to walk in divine life of Christ, he/she cannot help their congregations to go further.

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When you are filled with the spirit, you will face opposition; you must expect very frequent and agonizing conflicts with satan. satan has very little trouble with Christian who are not spiritual, but lukewarm, slothful and worldly minded. These Christians do not understand what is said about spiritual conflicts. They are those whom the devil leaves them alone. They don't disturb him, nor he them.

We need to live in obedience to God, and it has to be the state of our heart. It is being willing to obey God, willing to let God rule in all things. But if a man habitually disobeys God, in any particular way, his state of mind renders obedience regarding anything else impossible.

In closing I want to tell you of five things one must have in their lives.

1. Purity (Purity of heart, purity of thought, and deed)

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2. Humility (Humble enough to reflect HIS humility, a perfect quietness of heart)

3. Love (Stay away from critical spirit)

4. Chastity (No rudeness or looseness from us)

5. Brevity (Let me know when and how to stop)

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Love and Blessings Lu & Cynthia

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