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Honesty with GOD, without it; it's impossible to move on with GOD. The Christian walk is a progressive walk. To be born again is only the beginning; one may call it, "A New Beginning". The very essence of being born is the beginning of a new life. When a person is born again, they are born from above. John 1: 12 & 13 clearly states: **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.** To be born of GOD is to be born from above. A new life has been created within, and that Life is the Life of Christ. **Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter 1:23.** At that moment we are saved and on our way to Heaven, (provided we continue to walk with Christ), but from this point on we are to grow into the image of Christ. **For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.** Romans 8:30

Hence this is a progressive walk, we are sanctified, and being sanctified. Sanctification is the replacing of one life with another life. The progression is this, as we continue in Christ, (in faith, in prayer, in obedience to The Word, in church attendance) we replace the old nature with the nature of Christ. All of GOD's dealings with us are to produce the Life of Christ in us. This is done in a progressive way because if GOD revealed all of our shortcomings at once we couldn't handle it.

Jesus Said to His disciples before going to the cross,

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come". John 16: 12 & 13

As GOD deals with us there must be an honesty and openness in our hearts to move on with GOD in order to be conformed into the image of Christ, any deviation from this stops the growth of Christ in us.

In Mark chapter 11 we have the account of Jesus cleansing the temple by casting them out that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrowing the tables of the moneychangers. It had become a misrepresentation of GOD. Jesus is dealing with what was wrong. He concluded by saying, "Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves." Later on the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the temple confront Jesus.

And said unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me. And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

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And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things. Verses 28-33

They refused to humble themselves and be honest with GOD, and because of that they received no answer. They wanted to hold on to what they had more than to receive from Christ what he had to give to them. Are you being honest with GOD today? Is HE dealing with your heart today on some issue that you refuse to acknowledge? His question to you, " The Word Of GOD, Is it true or not? And if it is true, why do you not obey it?"

GOD said in Isaiah 66:1 & 2,

Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest? For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: **but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.**

If we are to be continually conformed into the image of Christ, we must remain honest and open to all HIS dealings with us.

GOD BLESS,
Michael Wortman



WHAT IS REVIVAL

When men in the streets are afraid to open their mouths and utter godless words lest the judgments of God should fall; when sinners, overawed by the Presence of God tremble in the streets and cry for mercy; when, without special meetings and sensational advertising, the Holy Ghost sweeps across cities and towns in Supernatural Power and holds men in the grip of terrifying Conviction; when "every shop becomes a pulpit, every heart an altar, every home a sanctuary" and people walk softly before God-This is Revival! Today the word Revival has largely lost its real meaning. Our present generation, never having witnessed the mighty movings of God in nation-wide spiritual awakening such as has taken place in past generations, has little conception of the magnitude of such a "visitation."

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