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Introduction:

Nobody wants to labour in vain but everyone who labours expects to reap some fruits as reward for his/her efforts at the end of the day. The same principle applies when we pray and trust God for revival. We expect certain things to happen which will serve as rewards for our labour and answers to our prayers as promised by God - **Ps.126: 5-6; Prov.14: 23; Isa.65: 23.**

The following are some of the results we shall see whenever and wherever there is revival. They are the Fruits of Revival:

1. Genuine Repentance in The Hearts of Men.

In every true revival, men repent genuinely from sin and turn again to God like it happened in Israel at the time of Samuel (**1Sam.7: 2-5**); in Nineveh at the time of Jonah (**Jon.3**); in Israel at the time of Ezra (**Ezra 9-10**) and Nehemiah (**Neh.7-13**); in Israel at the time of John the Baptist (**Matt.3: 4-6**), and like it happened to the prodigal son (**Lk.15**).

2. The Word of God Will Grow Mightily.

When revival comes, the word of God will no longer be scarce but grow mightily. Compare - **1Sam.3: 1 & Amos 8: 11-12** with **Acts 19: 20**. Men will also delight in the word of God and depend on it both for spiritual growth and direction - **Job 23: 12; Ps.119: 11, 103-105; Matt.4: 4; 1Pet.2: 2.**

3. Fervent & Effective Prayer Life.

Every true revival gives rise to men and women of prayer. A revived soul is a praying soul! A believer that is not praying is definitely playing and a church that does not pray will soon stray. When revival comes, we will agonize more in prayer like Elijah and not just be mere organizers in the Church - **Ps.42: 1; 63: 1; 91: 1; Mk.1: 35; Lk.6: 12; Jam.5: 16-17.**

4. Development of The Fruit of the Spirit & Christian Character.

True revival helps us develop spiritual maturity and Christian character. Then, the Holy Spirit will work in us to produce the character of Christ as we learn to yield ourselves daily to Him - **Matt.7: 15-20; Acts 10: 38; Rom.6: 11-14; 2Cor.5: 17; 8: 21; Gal.2: 20; 5: 22-23**. As we grow in the Lord, we shall be committed and be involved in spiritual service also as God does not use spiritual babies or novice. Mature Christians, as stewards should have basic duties or responsibilities in the Church and be faithful. This includes giving also. And, surely, it pays to serve God - **Matt.25: 16-32; Lk.6: 38; 12: 47; 1Cor.4: 1-2; 2Cor.9: 6; Gal.6: 7; 1Tim.3: 1-7; 1Pet.4: 10**.

5. Effective Witnessing & Soul Winning for Christ.

Revival emboldens us to witness for Christ and be spiritually fruitful in preaching the Gospel to others and win them as converts. Through witnessing, we help our own spiritual growth and maturity also as we become known henceforth as disciples of Christ. This then constrains us to behave well before our neighbours and the watching world - **Matt.5: 14-16; 28: 19-20; Acts 1: 8; 11: 26**.

6. Warm & Sweet Fellowship of Brethren.

When revival comes, we shall experience genuine Christian fellowship full of sincere love and mutual care that is devoid of pretence or hypocrisy. Then, we shall discover the great power of unity and agreement - **Matt.18: 18-20**. In such fellowship, we shall pull our resources together and share the benefits of God's grace and gifts in our lives to edify one another and become better for God - **Ps.133: 1-2; Prov.27: 17; Eccl.4: 9-12; Acts 2: 44; 4: 32; Heb.10: 25**.

7. Courage & Boldness In Spiritual Warfare.

When true revival comes, we shall no longer be timid or fearful but we shall all be strong, bold and courageous for Christ. We shall also engage and assert ourselves in spiritual warfare and prevail. Jesus Christ, our Captain and Lord of Hosts has already gone ahead of us into battle to give us victory - **Lk.10: 19; Rom.8: 31; 2Cor.10: 3-6; Gal.4: 1; Eph.6: 10-18; 1Tim.6: 12; 2Tim.1: 7; Jam.4: 7; 1Jn.4: 4**.

Conclusion:

God has invested so much in all of us His children to ensure our spiritual growth and maturity, and come to the measure of the full stature of Christ. He is therefore expecting much from us also (**Lk.12: 48**). We must not disappoint Him! Let us therefore trust the Lord for an End-time revival and great visitation from on high and bring forth the fruits of revival He expects from us. And, by the grace of God, none of us shall be like the fruitless Fig Tree that was cursed (**Matt.21: 18-20**).