

Prelude to Revival

Ezra 7:6-10; 8:21-23

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1. I must individually **prepare my heart** – 7:10
 - a. I will **seek** God's word.

1 Timothy 4:13 "Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."
Matthew 4:4 "It is written, *'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'*"
 - b. I will **submit** to God's Word.

Matthew 7:24-25 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ⁽²⁵⁾ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."
 - c. I will **share** God's word.

Colossians 1:28-29 "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. "
2. We must corporately **pray from the heart** .8:21
 - a. Proclaim a **fast**.
 - b. Pray for God's will:
 - Seek his will for **you**.
 - Seek his will for **your family**.
 - Seek his will for **your possessions**.
 - Will you **humble yourself**?
 - Will you **seek his way**?
 - Will you **fast and pray**?