**WHY REVIVAL FIRES GO OUT**

Here are some "starter thoughts" on why revival fires go out:

### 1. Familiarity breeds contempt.

We mistakenly think that God-given revival is something we "deserve."

### 2. We lose a sense of the holy.

We allow unrepented personal and cor­porate sin to infiltrate, and it quenches the Spirit's fury.

### 3. We get impatient and want more, faster.

We stop waiting on God and begin to mimic and manufacture our own brand of revival.

### 4. We become preoccupied with causes, personalities, debates, experiences, visions, and competi­tive movements.

Some of these are genuinely spawned by revival, but they can make us lose sight of seek­ing the glory of the triune God.

### 5. We attempt to "co-op" the spiritu­al momentum

in order to promote our reputations, or build ecclesiasti­cal empires, or fulfill personal min­istry agendas. Attempts to use God's visitations to achieve such self-directed ambitions quickly douse the flames.

### 6. We try to hold on to it.

Fire must spread or it dies. The fire of passion for Christ must flare up into flames of fellowship, which in turn nurture the wildfires of evangelism—or it all ends in smoke.