

REVIVING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE.
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ISAIAH 57:15-NKJV

For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Passion – 15 For this is what the high and majestic one says, the one who fills the eternal realm with glory, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in high and holy places but also with the bruised and lowly in spirit, those who are humble and quick to repent. I dwell with them to revive the spirit of the humble, to revive the heart of those who are broken over their sin.

To be revived literally means - **to be restored back to life, to be raised from the dead.**

1. The seeker must approach God with a contrite spirit.

The word **contrite** means - **an attitude of godly sorrow, being grief-stricken and repentant over sins or shortcomings.**

2. The seeker must approach God with humility.

The word **humble** comes from the word **humus**, meaning - **ground or dirt.**

Luke 18:9-Passion

Jesus taught this parable to those who were convinced they were morally upright and those who trusted in their own virtue yet looked down on others with disgust:

10 "Once there were two men who went into the temple to pray. One was a proud religious leader, the other a despised tax collector.

11–12 The religious leader stood apart from the others and prayed, 'How I thank you, O God, that I'm not wicked like everyone else. They're cheaters, swindlers, and crooks—like that tax collector over there. God, you know that I never cheat or commit adultery; I fast from food twice a week and I give you a tenth of all I make.'

13 "The tax collector stood off alone in the corner, away from the Holy Place, and covered his face in his hands, feeling that he was unworthy to even look up to God. Beating his breast, he sobbed with brokenness and tears saying, 'God, please, in your mercy and because of the blood sacrifice, forgive me, for I am nothing but the most miserable of all sinners!'

14 "Which one of them left for home that day made right with God? It was the humble tax collector and not the religious leader! For everyone who praises himself will one day be humiliated before all, and everyone who humbles himself will one day be lifted up and honored before all."

James 4:10-MLT

Be made low before the Master, and He will exalt you.

1Peter 5:6-Passion

6 If you **bow low in God's awesome presence, he will eventually exalt you** as you leave the timing in his hands.

MLT – 5-6-...clothe yourselves with ***humble-mindedness***, because God resists the proud, but to the humble he gives ***unmerited favor***. Be humbled, then, under the powerful hand of God, so that he may exalt you in good time...

Luke 14:11-CJB

11 Because everyone who exalts himself **will be humbled**, but everyone who humbles himself **will be exalted.**"

Psalm 85:6-7-Passion

6 Revive us again, O God! I know you will! Give us a fresh start! Then all your people will taste your joy and gladness. 7 Pour out even more of your love on us! Reveal more of your kindness and restore us back to you!

2 Corinthians 1:8-10-Passion

8 Brothers and sisters, you need to know about the severe trials we experienced while we were in western Turkey. All of the hardships we passed through crushed us beyond our ability to endure, and we were so completely overwhelmed that we were about to give up entirely.

9 It felt like we had a death sentence written upon our hearts, and we still feel it to this day. **It has taught us to lose all faith in ourselves and to place all of our trust in the God who raises the dead.**

10 He has rescued us from terrifying encounters with death. **And now we fasten our hopes on him to continue to deliver us from death yet again, 11 as you labor together with us through prayer...**

Colossians 3:3-4-Passion

3 Your crucifixion with Christ **has severed the tie to this life, and now your true life is hidden away in God in Christ.** 4 And as Christ himself is seen for who he really is, **who you really are will also be revealed, for you are now one with him in his glory!**