

#9 Becoming Aware

~The Source of Life & You~

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- The view of the educator
- Driven by life but unaware
- Puberty's changes and understanding identity
- Ignorance leads to unthankfulness
- The heart of materialism and our secular age

A Hidden Spiritual Problem

- Ignorance of spiritual life
- Body Life, by Ray Stedman made God's people conscious of the spiritual gifts as well as the Spirit of God
- The charismatic movement also helps make the connection but also creates distraction
- The more we separate the awareness of God's living Spirit working in us from our Christian lives, the more spiritually dead we will become.

“Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things” (Philip 3:17-19).

Revivals of Old

- Previous revivals restored a great awareness of the presence of God.
- Convicted not of their work but God's Spirit in them.
- Ignorance creates religious humanism / anthropocentric world.

Unprecedented Outreach Today

<http://frontierharvestministries.net/WorldMissionStatistics.dsp>

- 65,000,000 men, women and children hear the Gospel for the first time every year.
- 178,000 will hear the Good News today for the first time.
- In the last 12 months 50,000 new churches were started.

Practical Atheism

- Believers conducting their Christian lives without being aware of God's presence.

“Man in his pomp, yet without understanding, is like the beasts that perish” (Ps 49:20).

- Ever go to church, give thanks, or tithe without thinking of God.
- We can have all the actions but not conscious of God's inner flow moving and motivating us.

The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good. The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one. Do all the workers of wickedness not know, who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call upon the LORD? (Ps 14:1-4).

Seeking His Presence

- Revival comes when we are willing to restore the proper place of God in our lives.
- Is our goal to know God or to know Him more?

Our Lessons

- Mankind, including many professing Christians, live unaware of God's physical and spiritual life-giving forces.
- Without a consciousness of God's work in our lives, our hearts become hardened and arrogance grows.
- When we focus on the presence of God in our lives, then we are humbled, appreciative, God-centered and properly dependent on Him.



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Our Applications

- ➡ Examine your life for signs of autonomy from God. Do you live your Christian life or carry out your ministry without a sense of God's help ?
- ➡ Evaluate the consciousness of those around you (church and non-churched) of God's active presence.