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## FORMULA FOR A BURNING HEART

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Tozer has stated "that any Christian who desires to, may experience a radical spiritual renaissance, and this altogether independent of the attitude of his fellow Christians.

The important question now is, "How?" Well, here are some suggestions which anyone can follow and which, I am convinced, will result in a wonderfully improved Christian life.

**1. Get thoroughly dissatisfied with yourself.** Complacency is the deadly enemy of spiritual progress. The contented soul is the stagnant soul. When speaking of earthly goods, Paul could say, "I have learned...to be content"; but when referring to his spiritual life, he testified, "I press toward the mark." Stir up the gift of God that is in you.

**2. Set your face like a flint toward a sweeping transformation of your life.** Timid experimenters are tagged for failure before they start. We must

throw our whole soul into our desire for God.

**3. Put yourself in the way of the blessing.** It is a mistake to look for grace to visit us as a kind of benign magic, or to expect God's help to come as a windfall apart from conditions known and met. There are plainly marked paths which lead straight to the green pastures; let us walk in them. To desire revival, for instance, and at the same time to neglect prayer and devotion is to wish one way and walk another.

**4. Do a thorough job of repenting.** Do not hurry to get it over with. Hasty repentance means shallow spiritual experience and lack of certainty in the whole life. Let godly sorrow do her healing work. *Until we allow the consciousness of sin to wound us,* we will never develop a fear of evil. It is our wretched habit of tolerating sin that keeps us in our half-dead condition. *con't on pg. 2*

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### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS: Men's and Women's Conferences in West Virginia, Tennessee & Virginia

Crosspurpose International was involved in several men's and women's prayer conferences in the recent ministry schedule.



Charlie was a guest speaker at two men's conferences sponsored by Pastor Earl Sammons and the Tri-State Men's Conferences in West

Virginia and Tennessee. The emphasis was on spiritual growth and the need for prayer in the lives of Christian men. God



used these conferences for encouragement and revitalization in many of the men's spiritual walk. *con't on pg. 2*

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*...the purpose for living is found in the way of the cross...*

**Coming soon!**  
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*We appreciate your continued prayers for CI and our family!*

**SCHEDULE**

**April 9-13**  
Etna Baptist Church  
Ironton, Ohio

**April 10-13**  
(am mtgs.)  
Southland Bible Institute  
Ashland, Kentucky

**April 23-26**  
Reevesville Baptist Church  
Reevesville, SC

**April 30-May 3**  
Fairforest Baptist Church  
Spartanburg, SC

**May 14-17**  
First Baptist Church  
Vinton, Iowa

**May 28**  
House of Prayer  
Blairsville, GA

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS (CON'T)**



Paula was the guest song leader for the annual Ladies' Prayer Advance in Goshen, Virginia.



Over 300 ladies met for personal renewal and spiritual advancement in their personal



lives. Paula was privileged to serve alongside special speakers Dr. Jackie Hughes of Ireland and college professor at Northland Bible College, Carol Trahan who shared deep insights into spiritual

issues that particularly affect women.

Dr. Hughes has invited Charlie and Paula to Ireland to minister in his church in the near future as the Lord leads. Please continue to pray for the opportunities to minister to men, women and families through conferences, overseas venues and local church meetings. ✝



**FORMULA FOR A BURNING HEART (CON'T)**

**5. Make restitution wherever possible.** If you owe a debt, pay it, or at least have a frank understanding with your creditor about your intentions to pay, so that your honesty will be above question. If you have quarreled with anyone, go as far as you can in an effort to achieve reconciliation. As fully as possible make the crooked things straight.

**6. Bring your life into accord with the Sermon on the Mount and such other New Testament Scriptures as are designed to instruct us in the way of righteousness.** An honest Christian with an open Bible and a pad and pencil is sure to find out what is wrong with him very quickly. I recommend that the self-examination be made on our knees, rising to obey God's commandments as they are revealed to us from the Word. There is nothing romantic or colorful about this plain downright way of dealing with ourselves, but

it gets the work done.

**7. Be serious – minded.** The devils ideals, moral standards, and mental attitudes are being accepted by you without you knowing it. You wonder why you can make no progress in your Christian life. Your interior climate is not favorable to the growth of spiritual graces. There must be a radical change in your habits or there will not be any permanent improvement in your interior life.

**8. Deliberately narrow your interests.** The Jack-of-all-trades is the master of none. The Christian life requires that we be specialists. Too many projects use up time and energy without bringing us nearer to God. If you will narrow your interests, God will enlarge your heart.

**9. Begin to witness.** Find something to do for God and your fellow men. Refuse to rust out. Make yourself available to

your pastor and do anything you are asked to do. Do not insist upon a place of leadership. Learn to obey. Take the low place until such time as God sees fit to set you in a higher one. Back your new intentions with your money and your gifts, such as they are.

**10. Have faith in God.** Begin to expect. Look up toward the throne where your Advocate sits at the right hand of God. All heaven is on your side. God will not disappoint you.

If you will follow these suggestions, you will most surely experience revival in your own heart. And who can tell how far it may spread? God knows how desperately the church needs a spiritual resurrection. And it can only come through the revived individual." ✝