

SERVANTHOOD AND CHURCH REVITALIZATION

APPLYING BIBLICAL RENEWAL TO
CHURCH REVITALIZATION

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Servanthood is the heartbeat of revitalization in the church.



Key Scriptures:

Matthew 20:26-28

Matthew 23:11

Mark 9:35

Mark 10:43-45

Luke 22:26-27

Matthew 20:26–28 (NASB)

"It is not this way among you, but whoever wants to become prominent among you shall be your servant, and whoever desires to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 23:11 (NASB)

"But the greatest of you shall be your servant."

Mark 9:35 (NASB)

"If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

Mark 10:43–45 (NASB)

"But it is not this way among you; rather, whoever wants to become prominent among you shall be your servant; and whoever wants to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Luke 22:26–27 (NASB)

"But it is not this way for you; rather, the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant. For who is greater: the one who reclines at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves."

I. REVITALIZATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

(2 KINGS 22–23)

Revival begins with God's Word.

Josiah rediscovered the Law

2 Kings 23:25

“Before him there was no king like him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.”



Servants submit to Scripture, then help others rediscover it.

Application:

Teach children Scripture;
Leaders model obedience;
Start Bible study groups.

2. REVITALIZATION THROUGH PRAYER & LEADERSHIP (NEHEMIAH 1–6)

Renewal begins when people pray.

Nehemiah 1:4–11 (NASB)

4 Now when I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.



Nehemiah prayed, fasted, then acted.

Application:

Call the church to prayer;

Leaders model servant-leadership;

Encourage children to pray.



3. REVITALIZATION THROUGH WORSHIP RENEWAL (EZRA 3; HAGGAI 2)

Worship was the first thing restored.

Ezra 3:1–6 (NASB)

1 Now when the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one person to Jerusalem.

2 Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brothers stood up and built the altar of the God of Israel to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses, the man of God.

3 So they set up the altar on its foundation,



Servants point people to God's glory.

Application:

Christ-centered worship;

Doctrinally sound music;

Teach children worship as life.



4. REVITALIZATION THROUGH PERSONAL REPENTANCE (PSALM 51; LUKE 15)

Renewal begins in hearts.

Luke 15:17–19 (NASB)

"But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger! I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers.'"



Renewal begins in hearts.

Psalm 51

14 Save me from the guilt of bloodshed, God, the God of my salvation; Then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. **15** Lord, open my lips, So that my mouth may declare Your praise. **16** For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offering. **17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, God, You will not despise.

Servants admit failures and model repentance.

Application:

Accountability groups;

Testimonies of forgiveness;

Teach confession to children.

5. REVITALIZATION THROUGH TRANSFORMATION (ACTS 9)

Renewal is seen in changed lives.

Acts 9:15 (NASB)

But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings, as well as the sons of Israel.”



Renewal is seen in changed lives.

This verse is central because it shows:

- God's **sovereign choice** of Paul.
- Paul's new **identity as a servant** and “instrument” of God.
- His **mission** to carry the gospel beyond Israel — to the Gentiles and even rulers.

Galatians 2:20 (NASB)

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.



Servants share testimony & disciple others.

Application:

Highlight baptisms/testimonies;

Equip youth to share faith;

Transformation fuels growth.



6. REVITALIZATION THROUGH GOD'S SPIRIT POWER (EZEKIEL 37; ACTS 2; JOHN 11)

Only God breathes life.

Ezekiel 37:14 (NASB)

"And I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you in your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it," declares the Lord."



Servants depend on God's Spirit.

Application:

Expect God to move;

Teach children expectancy in prayer;

Celebrate growth.



7. REVITALIZATION THROUGH NEW IDENTITY

(2 CORINTHIANS 5:17)

God makes all things new.
GOD CHANGES EVERYTHING

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.



Servants remind the church of their identity in Christ.

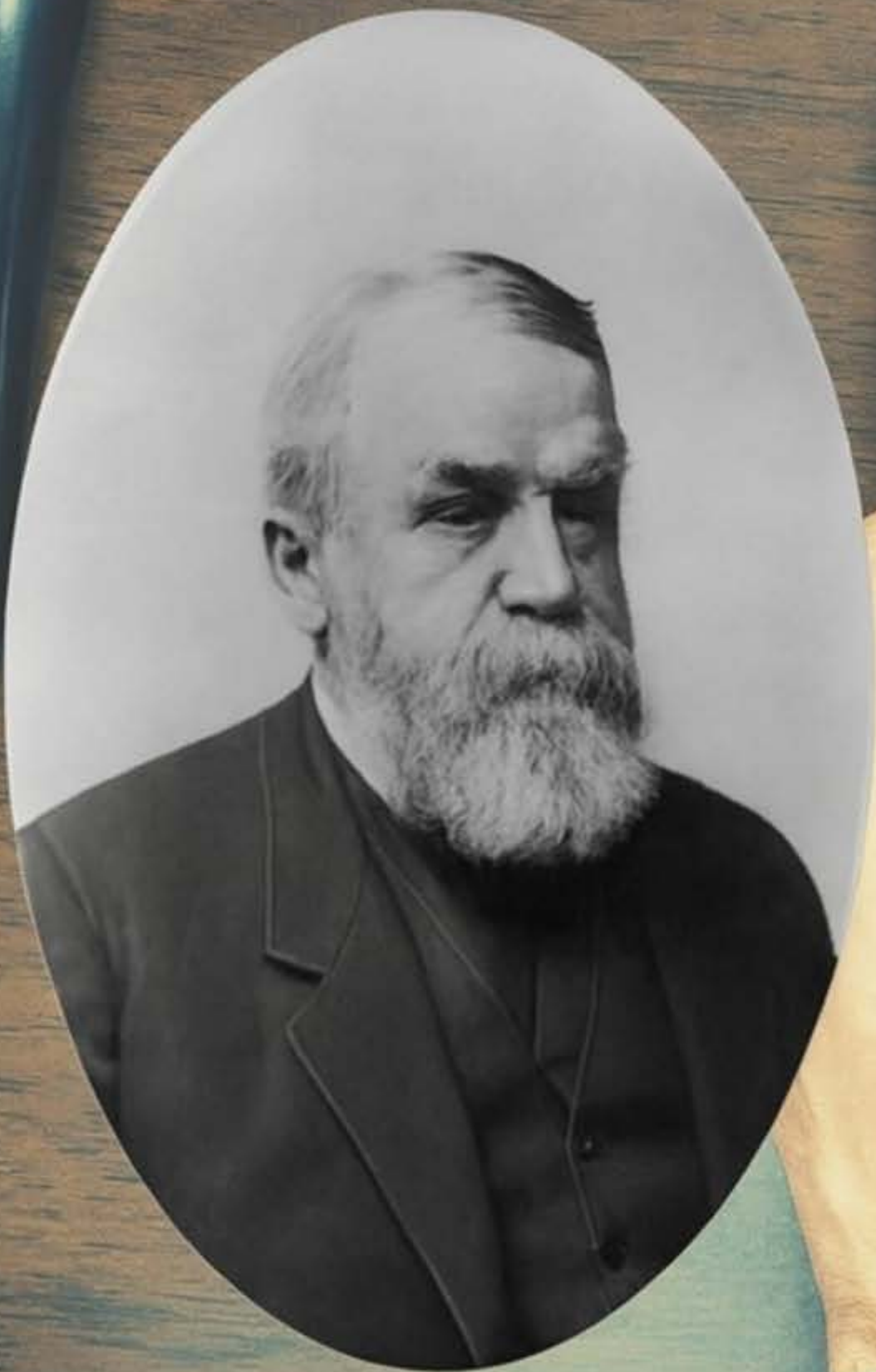
Application:

See church as becoming new;

Preschool & children's ministry = discipling;

Dream of renewal.







**John 12:26 – 'If anyone serves Me,
the Father will honor him.'**