

# The People of Revival

**Ezra 2:1–63**

# I. The Leaders Must Return

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;*

**2 Timothy 4:3**

NKJV

## II. There Must Be Unity

# A Song of Ascents. Of David.

**Psalm 133**

NKJV

Behold, how good and how  
pleasant *it is* For brethren to  
dwell together in unity!

*It is like the precious oil upon  
the head, Running down on the  
beard, The beard of Aaron,  
Running down on the edge of  
his garments.*

*It is like the dew of Hermon,  
Descending upon the mountains  
of Zion; For there the Lord  
commanded the blessing— Life  
forevermore.*



**A. We must keep communicating.**

So then, my beloved brethren,  
let every man be swift to hear,  
slow to speak, slow to wrath;

**James 1:19**

NKJV

**B. We must be kind.**

And be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one  
another, even as God in Christ  
forgave you.

**Ephesians 4:32**

NKJV

C. We must yield our opinions when they differ from Scripture.

“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the Lord.

Isaiah 55:8–9

NKJV

“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

# III. The Wicked Must Repent



'For this city has been to Me a *provocation* of My anger and My fury from the day that they built it, even to this day; so I will remove it from before My face

**Jeremiah 32:31**

NKJV

And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

**Luke 15:13–20**

NKJV

But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!’

I will arise and go to my father,  
and will say to him, "Father, I have  
sinned against heaven and before  
you,

and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” ’



“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

# IV. The Value of Identity.