

Volume V

Revival and Evangelism

- **Passion for God**
- **Compassion for the Lost**

All our actions of compassion and care must start and end with effectual, focused, fervent (*powerful*) prayer.

- The prophecies concerning the restoration of the apostolic ministry of the early church, promised for the last days, will be realized as they are prayed into fruition through fervent dominion prayers.

The Actions Arm - the Compassion and Care Ministry

We can learn some valuable lessons of compassion and care for the wounded and hurting by looking in nature at geese. When a goose becomes sick or wounded and can't fly on, two geese drop out of the formation and follow the hurting goose to the ground. These two geese stay with their fellow goose until it is well enough to fly again. If people knew that we would minister to them in the church like that, they would storm our sanctuaries to get in. If we would fervently and consistently train, organize and agonize in prayer to seriously implement this one principle, we would not need another church growth program or process. In fact, all the other programs and processes will fail if they don't include this principle.

The Value of an Eternal Soul

Through the millennia of time, man has designed and erected beautiful monuments of enduring stone. But even the best of marble is consumed and fretted by the tooth of time and worn away to nothingness, but people are forever. The most rewarding and lasting thing you will ever do is to partner with God in rescuing and saving the eternal, priceless soul of a never dying immortal man.

Soul Winning Like Jesus

The greatest challenge for the fivefold ministry in the church is to teach and train people to be soul winners. We must return to the Bible, the original instruction manual. There we can learn from Jesus Christ, the greatest soul winner of all time. Recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are His life, His deeds and how He ministered to the needs of people. May we study the actions of Jesus Christ and follow in His footsteps in ministering to the needs of our generation. "What would Jesus do?" (WWJD) is a provoking question -- a good model for living our lives and working in His Kingdom. An equally important question is: "How would Jesus do it (HWJD)?"

A unique thing about Jesus was His dual nature -- He was both Son of God and Son of man. When we are born again of the water and the Spirit, we become the tabernacle of God's Spirit with a dual nature as a son of man and a son of God. In His role as "Son of man", Jesus was a friend to sinners. At least eight times in the New Testament it is recorded that Jesus sat down to eat with sinners. The religious leaders condemned Jesus for this association. He responded: "*They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call*

the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Mark 2:17). In the role of “Son of God”, He performed miracles of healing and deliverance from Satan’s power.

Jesus taught us to be “fishers of men.” But we won’t be very successful in catching them if our initial approach is to explain to them the fillet plan -- “You can’t do this, and you can’t do that.” Like Jesus, we must first build a bridge to them through a relationship of love. In most cases, we should not confront sinners with conversion until we have a confirmation that God has opened the door of their soul. The unsaved must first see and feel God in us before they hear about changes required in their life. Their unspoken message is, ***“They don’t care how much we know until they know how much we care.”*** This is discussed further in Chapter 4.1 “Ministering in the Outer Court First as a Son of Man.”

Church Growth Vision and Planning

I sincerely applaud every pastor and church that is still in the harvest and battle -- preaching and teaching the timeless truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many of you have endured unspeakable trials and discouraging times, challenging your will to remain in the ministry. You are involved in the most important, difficult and demanding business in the world; none other compares. You are feeling the crushing weight of eternal souls of men and women whom you are striving to reach, nurture and bring to spiritual maturity. No CEO, president, or business leader has felt this intense burden for their business nor prayed and wept over their products like the man of God.

Having worked as a layman in my home church for many years and ministered in many other churches, I am with you and a part of you. I too, have endured trials and discouraging times of past harvests with less than desired results. Although we must work prayerfully and diligently in the Father’s business, the results are in His hands. We will be rewarded for being a faithful servant and good steward of His resources. Only eternity will reveal some of the fruits of our ministry.

The following statement is to insure against misunderstanding the material regarding harvest driven: mission, vision, goals, values, strategies, measurement (tracking of results), organization structures and processes. The intent is to pursue excellence and continuous improvement in the Father’s business: *“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.”*

Revival is the result of the moving of the Spirit of God. Organization, planning and measurement of results, etc. are not substitutes. They are only meant to facilitate the saint’s involvement, enhance the effectiveness, retain the results and insure that every soul is treated and valued like Jesus described – worth more than the value of the whole world.

Jesus in the parable of the unjust steward, spoke of the pursuit of excellence by men in the business world compared to those in the Kingdom of light: ***“For the sons of this age are shrewder and more prudent and wiser than are the sons of light.”*** (Luke 16:8) AMP

“The children of this world, men and women whose ends and aims are bounded by the horizon of this world, who only live for this life, how much more painstaking and skillful are they in

their working for the perishable things of this world than are the children of light in their noble toiling after the things of the life to come.” (Pulpit Commentary)

The only thing that will drive a business corporation or a church to significant change is dissatisfaction with where they are, and the results being produced. The only reality check is to use specific measures that reflect the true picture of the organization. We budget, measure, account for and report very accurately and consistently our finances. If we are out of balance and money is missing, we diligently search for it and correct any procedures that may have created a loss. Should we not also measure, account for and report accurately and consistently, the much more valuable products we are processing (souls), as well as the processes that:

- If not producing the desired results should be discarded and replaced?
- If improved, would result in more souls saved and disciplined?

Measurement of the Father’s Business

There are many valid metrics that provide important indicators and trends of the church’s health and growth. But the supreme measurement is simply the increase in the **number of disciples**. C.S. Lewis states: “The church exists for nothing else but to draw men to Christ and make them disciples. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions and sermons are simply a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose.”

A good exercise is to project the approximate growth of the church based on “number of visitors (excluding out of town guests)”, “percent of visitors converted” and “percent of new converts retained and disciplined.” The following chart displays this concept. In the worst case (2) it would take 64 visitors each week, while the best case (5) it would only take 5 visitors each week to add 50 disciples to the church in a year.

Number of Visitors It Takes to Add 50 Disciples to the Church in One Year?

	Visitor Conversion	New Convert Retention	Visitors Per Year	Visitors Per Week
1	5 %	70 %	1428	27
2		30 %	3333	64
3	10 %	70 %	714	14
4		30 %	1666	32
5	30 %	70 %	238	5
6		30%	555	11

When we use actual numbers for these measurements, we can then determine where the most improvement is needed in the processes of attracting visitors, bringing the visitor to conversion and new convert retention and discipleship.

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← PRAYER MINISTRY: FOCUS: Provide a prayer covering for all the Care Ministry Teams and needs. **ORG:** 4 Prayer Teams of 40 each (for a church of 160 members) **→**

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NEEDS DRIVEN – MINISTERING TO NEEDS

1. ATTRACTING

COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRY

FOCUS:

People with self-confessed needs in the saints' circle of influence outside the church walls. Making friends, building relationships, and ministering first to the physical needs (outer court) of sinners.

ORG:

- Individual level (All)
 - Team level (SWAT Team)
- Ministering to the hurting (e.g. homeless and hospitals)

2. WINNING

CRITICAL CARE TEAM MINISTRY

FOCUS:

Two-on-one Care for visitors
4 week follow-up and ministry to their needs.

ORG: 4 Care Teams
(5 – 6 on each team)

HOSPITALITY SUITE

FOCUS: Visitor reception
drinks / snacks & fellowship
with Care Team and Pastor.

- Home Bible Study
- New Converts Class, etc.

3. RETAINING

MENTOR CARE MINISTRY

FOCUS: 1 year 1-on-1 Care
for visitors & new converts.

DISCIPLESHIP CARE MINISTRY

FOCUS: New Converts
Training: Home Bible Studies,
New Converts Class, Library

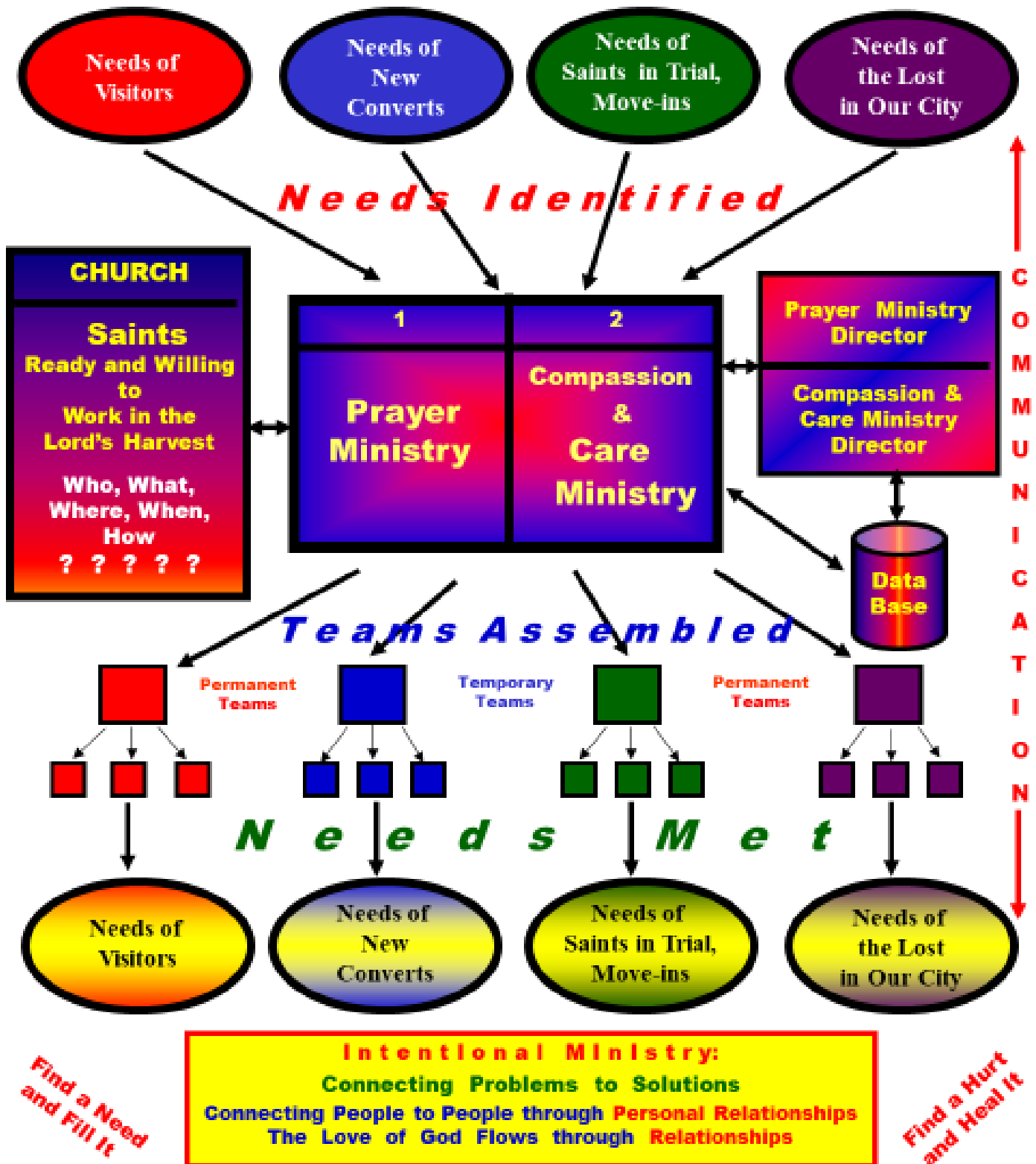
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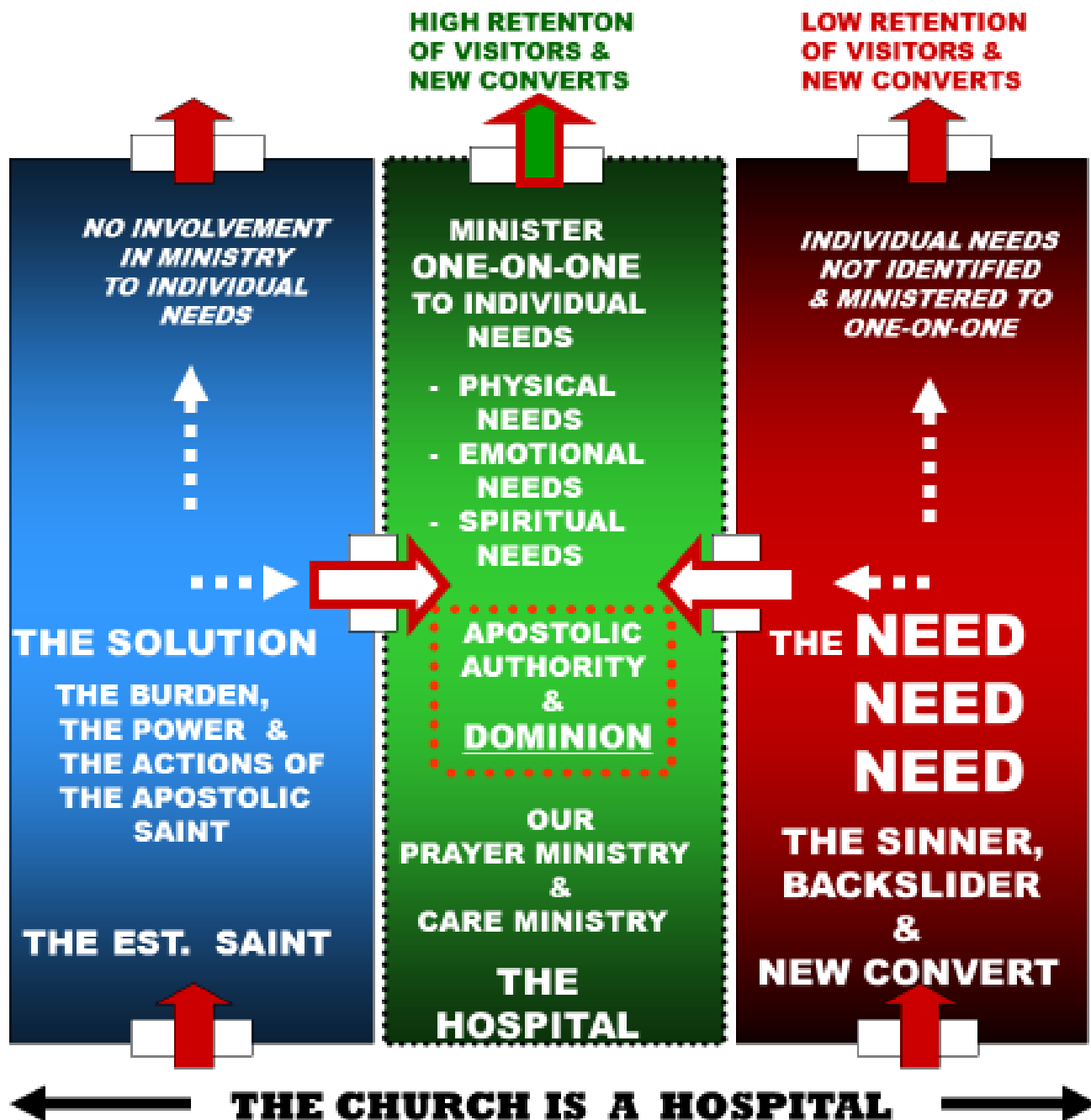
FOCUS: Sinners & New
Converts: Fellowship, Food,
Ministry to individual needs

Revival
is for the
Saint

REVIVAL & EVANGELISM Through the Two Arms of the Church

Evangelism
is for the
Sinner





THE MISSION & CHALLENGE OF THE CHURCH & THE SAINTS

IS TO OPEN THE DOORS OF OUR HOSPITAL A LITTLE WIDER BY MORE SAINTS GETTING INVOLVED IN FINDING, CARING FOR AND MINISTERING TO MORE OF THOSE THAT ARE MAIMED, HALT, BLIND, BROKENHEARTED, HURTING, IMPRISONED, LOST & HOPELESS:

◦ **PRAYER MINISTRY** 100 % OF THE CHURCH INVOLVED

◦ **CARE MINISTRY** ONE-ON-ONE MINISTRY TO THEIR NEEDS BY:

- **ATTRACTING** 70 - 80 % OF THE SAINTS MINISTERING IN THEIR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE
- **WINNING** 10 - 20 % OF THE SAINTS MINISTERING TO THE NEEDS OF VISITORS
- **RETAINING** 10 - 20 % OF THE SAINTS MINISTERING IN THE DISCIPLING AND ESTABLISHING OF NEW CONVERTS

THE PATH TO DOMINION IN THE SUPERNATURAL

Through the Core Ministry of the Church

The Only Hope For Reaching

This Lost End-time Generation



PASSION BRINGS POWER

Born Again Believer

God's eternal purpose and will for every born-again believer is to fulfill the great commission to work in His harvest field reaching lost souls.

This is a **Spiritual Work** and will not be done with natural talents and giftings. This will almost always be misaligned with The natural man's desires, abilities and comfort zone.

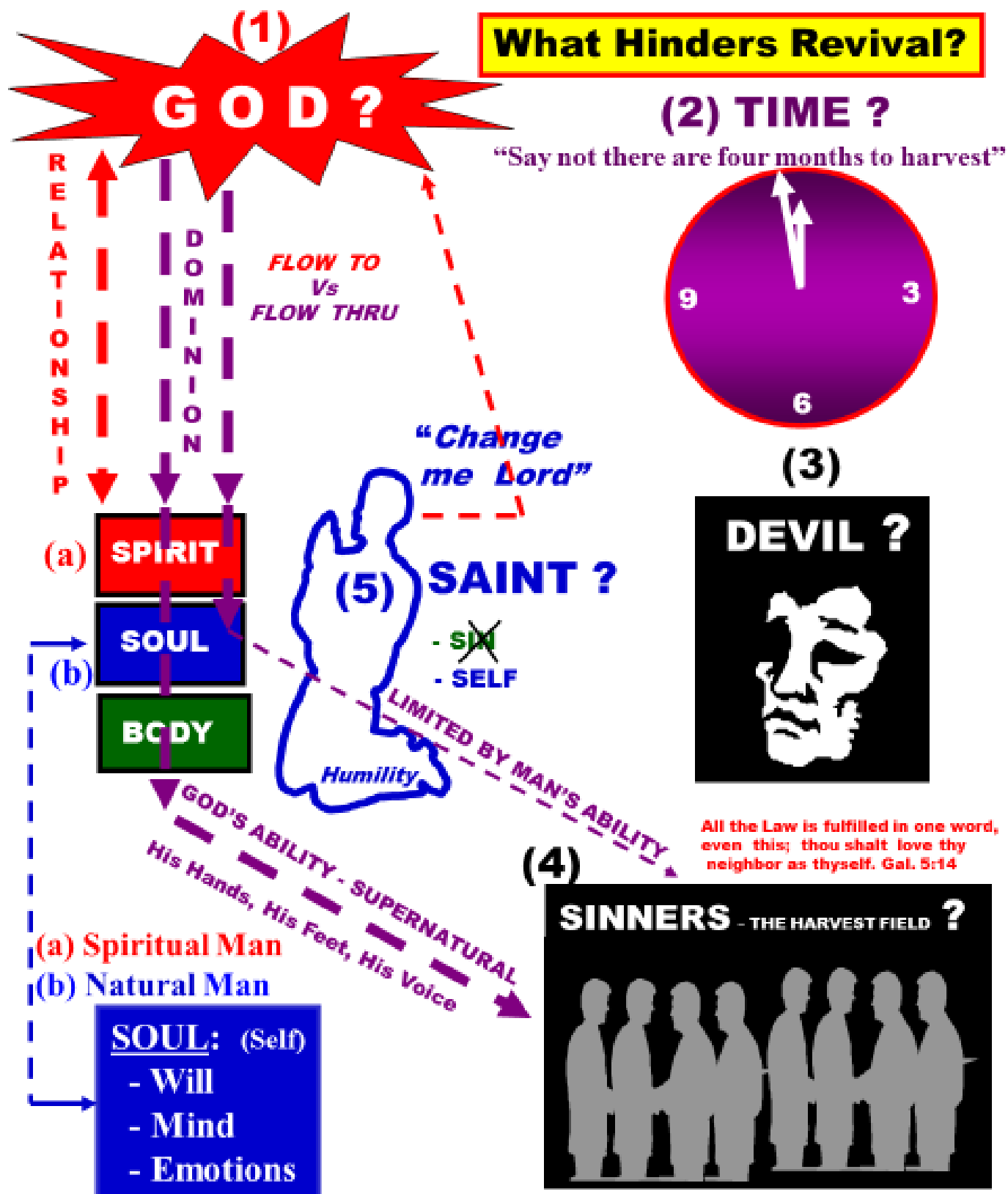
This will always involve:

- His Will Vs Our Will (Not Our Choice but His)
- His Thinking Vs Our Thinking (His ways)
- His Emotions Vs Our Emotions (Deep sorrow for their suffering with a strong urge to help)

Power

Zech. 4:6-7 You will not succeed by your own strength, but by my Spirit. Obstacles as great as mountains will disappear before you. TEV

SPIRITUAL MAN		NATURAL MAN	
Son of God		Son of Man	
<u>SPIRIT</u> Supernatural Gifting Divine Ability Vs Man's Ability		<u>SOUL</u> - WILL - MIND - EMOTIONS Natural - Gifting - Ability - Talent	<u>BODY</u> THE FIVE SENSES



The Greatest Hindrance to Revival is Lack of Dominion Over Self (relying on our natural talents Vs. the Spirit).