Text: Acts 4:31 - "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness."

1. PRAYED.

Acts 2:42 - "And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers."

Notice in this verse the early church was:

a) Steadfast in the doctrine. They knew what they believed. II Timothy 3:16.

b) Fellowship. They enjoyed each other's company, by talking and sharing thoughts and ideas. Not necessarily food. I John 1:7.

c) Breaking of bread. This represents communion, partaking of the Lord's supper "regularly". II Corinthians 11:26 - "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup..."

d) Prayers. James 5:16(b) - "...effectual, fervent (or passionate) prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (I John 3:22 / I John 5:14)

Remember our prayers are being stored in bottles/containers, called "vials" in heaven.

Revelation 5:8 - "...vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints."

Psalms 141:2 / Revelation 8:4.

2. SHAKEN.
Are you shaken by the power of God? You can be. When God's Spirit comes in your life, in a powerful way, you will be shaken out of your comfortable world and routine.

Acts 2:42 - 47.

Remember I Chronicles 5:14 - "...the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud..." This represents one of the manifestations of the power of God. "for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God."

I Kings 8:11 / Exodus 40:34.

Acts 16: 25 & 26, records Paul and Silas praying and how "the foundations of the prison were shaken..."

God's power will bring manifestations. It starts with prayer and faith, believing God for the impossible.

3. ASSEMBLED TOGETHER.

To have revival, we must have times where we are "assembled together" to pray. Yes, praying at home is good and needed, but there is power when we meet together in a corporate way.

Hebrews 10:25 / Matthew 18:19.

4. ALL FILLED.

This point could go much further than time permits in explanation. It's obvious when you study the books of Acts, the most common manifestation of being "filled" with the Holy Spirit was speaking in an unlearned, or unknown tongue. Every believer can pray in tongues alone to God. Although not every believer will have the "gift" to speak in tongues in a public gathering, as a prophetic utterance.
I Corinthians 14: 2 - 4 / I Corinthians 14: 14 & 15/
I Corinthians 14: 27 & 28.

"All" represents unity. There was something common here. It was their love for God and desire to draw closer to Him.

Acts 2:1 - "...they were all with one accord in one place." The early church knew what true unity was. God honors unity. Unity brings revival, along with prayer. They go hand in hand. A genuine christian who prays alot (I Thessalonians 5:17), will be a peacemaker who delights in unity, no matter what the cost. That person avoids dissention, strive, and division.

Romans 16:17, warns us to "mark them who cause division .... and avoid them."

I Corinthians 1:10 / I Corinthians 3:3.

God's love always prevails in a person's heart who has a deep prayer life. God is love.


5. BOLDNESS.

This is not a boldness that goes around offending people with one's words.

Proverbs 10:19 - "...he who holds his tongue is wise."

The boldness God desires to operate in us, is a boldness to be stong to resist the devil, (James 4:7) and temptations that may ensare us.

I Corinthians 10:13. We have the power to be "bold as a lion". Proverbs 28:1.

This power comes from the Holy Spirit operating
Much Word = Much Power.
Much Prayer = Much Anointing.

Ephesians 6:19 & 20.

The boldness we should have is for the Word of God to go forth. Again, we should never boast of anything except in God.

Romans 2:17 & 23 / Psalms 34:2.

Never boast of being bold! Proverbs 27:2-"...let another praise thee and not thine own lips."

Some folks are proud and arrogant, to brag they are bold to people, by their cutting remarks, and hurtful words. They call that boldness?!? Actually, it's ignorance, by not knowing what the Word says.

Wise people hold their tongue, if it's going to hurt others. Words can cause damaging and long lasting negative results that could last for years.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK!

IS IT KIND? IS IT HELPFUL? WILL IT IMPROVE THE SILENCE OR ATMOSPHERE?

Our boldness should always come from God and not our flesh. It should encourage, edify and endeavor to draw people closer to God, not drive them away from Him.

Don't be shy to witness to others about what the Word of God says. Be careful and slow to criticize and condemn. Be bold to encourage, build up and strengthen people to follow Christ as they walk by faith. I I Corinthians 5:7.


Prayer brings revival, if you keep on praying,
believing, witnessing and studying the Word.

Galatians 6:9,

Don’t expect results with anything you are not putting your time, attention, effort, money and sacrifice into. Everything worth receiving has a cost to it. Not necessarily money, but always time, "seed-sowing" and faith.

Draw near to God and He'll draw near to you!

James 4: 4 - 10.

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