

The Five R's – Part 3 Repent

This teaching has a strong progression and clear spiritual emphasis. Here are several key themes and strengths that stand out:

Major Teaching Themes

1. Working Properly for the Kingdom

The foundation of the teaching is built around believers functioning effectively in the Body of Christ using Ephesians 4:16 and 2 Timothy 2:20-21.

We (*The Holy Spirit and I*) continually reinforce:

- Being “that one-part God can depend on”
- Becoming a vessel God can use
- Working properly as individuals so the whole body grows

That creates a strong central thread throughout the message.

2. Reveal Before Repair

The “Reveal” stage is developed well through the root-versus-fruit analogy.

The illustrations are practical:

- Weeds cut at the surface still return
- Tree roots continue producing suckers unless fully removed

Those examples make spiritual root issues easy to understand.

One particularly strong line is:

“What keeps coming up to the surface over and over again?”

That becomes a diagnostic question for self-examination.

3. Supernatural Help Is Needed

The emphasis on praying in tongues for revelation of root problems is a **consistent thread**.

This connects naturally with the broader teachings on:

- Spiritual maturity
 - The Holy Spirit
 - Supernatural assistance
 - Effective ministry
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4. Warning Against Spiritual Drift

Within audio is a strong warning tone regarding spiritual decline:

- Lukewarmness
- Staleness
- Spiritual sleep
- Carelessness
- Loss of drive

The use of Revelation 3:16 in both RSV and MSG translations adds impact.

The repeated question:

“As a whole is the Body of Christ sleeping?” creates a prophetic and reflective tone.

5. Personal Responsibility

One of the strongest sections is the emphasis that many problems originate from our own behavior and unrenewed thinking.

Using Proverbs 19:3 is effective because it confronts blame-shifting directly:

“People ruin their lives by their own stupidity...”

This gives weight to the necessity of repentance.

6. Repentance as the Necessary Response

The transition from “Reveal” to “Repent” is clear and logical:

- God reveals
- Then repentance must follow

The survey of the seven churches in Revelation is especially effective because it shows repentance as a recurring command from Jesus Himself.

The emphasis on Sardis is powerful because it ties directly into the “sleeping church” warning: “You have the name of being alive, and you are dead... Awake...”

Overall Flow of the Message

The structure is very coherent:

1. We are called to work properly
2. Root problems hinder effectiveness
3. God must reveal those roots
4. Spiritual complacency is dangerous
5. Many problems are self-created
6. Repentance is the answer once revealed

That progression gives the message clarity and momentum.

Particularly Strong Lines

Several statements carry strong teaching weight:

- “Go for the root to stop the surface problems.”
- “Be part of the answer not part of the problem.”
- “Praying in tongues is supernatural and we need supernatural help to expose root problems.”
- “Many times we are the ones causing the problems.”
- “Repentance is the key once the wrong is revealed.”

These work well as anchor statements throughout the teaching.

The teaching includes highlighted emphasis that visually reinforces key concepts like:

- “go for the root”
- “surface”
- “the desire”
- “want to”
- “Praying in tongues is supernatural” which helps direct attention to the central spiritual applications.

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