

1. Stop blaming your troubles on others. (v. 16:30-17:1, 18:17-19)

Do you believe we are in trouble politically, morally, and economically? Describe these troubles.

Whose fault are these troubles?

Do you believe the root of these problems is a spiritual problem? Describe the spiritual problem.

Describe the worst spiritual drought you have ever been in. What is the evidence of spiritual drought? How do you get out of a spiritual drought?

2. Stop wavering between two opinions. (v. 20-22)

Describe a time when you felt like you were the only one who wants to live for God.

Are you indecisive? Name something that God has prompted you to forsake to follow him more closely.

3. Stop faking the fire. (v. 23-29)

Do you feel like you have to perform to get God's attention? How? Why?

In what ways have you seen religious leaders try to manufacture a miracle?

4. Start repairing the altars of the Lord. (v. 30-35)

Often our most basic spiritual disciplines break down and have to be repaired. Which of these altars need to be repaired in your life?

- The altar of humility
- The altar of personal devotion
- The altar of gratitude
- The altar of holiness
- The altar of sacrifice

5. Start believing in the power of prayer. (v. 36-46)

The purpose of Elijah's prayer was to be make much of God. Would you say the purpose of your prayers are to make much of God or much of yourself?

List three areas of your life where you need to see a visible demonstration of the power of God.

Take time to pray that God would do just that.

Additional Scripture

- Joshua 24:15
- James 5:16-18
- Matthew 6:24
- 2Cor. 6:14-16
- Romans 12:1-2