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# Knowing God

**"We can KNOW Christ more through the Scripture, than if He stood in front of you! Yet it's the personal touch of God that turns the heart of man, birthing in it the greatest of human desire - to KNOW GOD!"**

# Renewed Hunger For God

## Ps 84

"How lovely is Your tabernacle (*Dwelling Presence*), O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."

# Renewed Hunger For God

## Rev 3:20

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

# Renewed Hunger For God

Without the **CONVICTION** of the Holy Spirit, we cannot know God!

# Conviction

**John 16:5 - 11**

But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

# Conviction

**John 16:5 - 11**

And when He has come, **HE WILL CONVICT** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

# Conviction

**'HE WILL CONVICT'**

'The Holy Spirit would demonstrate the truth of Christ beyond the fear of contradiction, the conviction of God has convinced them, and the Truth of Christ explodes within them.'



# Conviction

**'HE WILL CONVICT'**

'The conviction of the Holy Spirit reaches into the deepest part of the heart of man, it moves further than all the reasonings of the mind; it passes all our excuses, it removes the desire to preserve our worldly affections, and it **PIERCES** the very center of the person.'

# Conviction

## Charles Finney

It was a strange scene that morning in the cotton factory near Whitesboro, N.Y. The looms and spinning mules had gone silent ... but new sounds, never before heard here, had replaced them.

Groans and cries from workers, many prostrate on the ground, filled the expansive building.

# Conviction

## Charles Finney

Charles Finney had been touring the facility after preaching in the village schoolhouse the night before. It was early in the workday, and the labor was humming along as usual. It would be strange for one visiting individual to attract much notice, much less cause the bustling enterprise to grind to a screeching halt. But that's exactly what happened.

# Conviction

## Charles Finney

As Finney simply observed the machinery, one worker, then another sank to the floor and burst into tears.

“The impression caught almost like powder,” said Finney in his autobiography, “and in a few moments nearly all in the room were in tears.”

# Conviction

## Charles Finney

The factory's owner, who was not a believer, was himself taken by what was happening.

"Stop the mill," he instructed his superintendent, "and let the people attend to religion; for it is more important that our souls should be saved than having this factory run."

# Conviction

## 1. Of Sin - John 16:9

'of sin, because they do not believe in Me;'

- Not sins, or sinning... but **SIN**.
- The Holy Spirit presses deep into the heart of a person. *'You are not ok the way you are.'*

# Conviction

## Acts 2:37

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart (**their hearts were pricked**), and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles,  
“Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

**‘their hearts were pricked’**

- ‘To pierce, to pain the mind sharply and agitate it vehemently’

# Conviction

## Smith Wigglesworth

I don't want to boast. If I glory in anything, it is only in the Lord who has been so gracious to me. But I remember one time stepping out of a railroad carriage to wash my hands. I had a season of prayer, and the Lord just filled me to overflowing with His love. I was going to a convention in Ireland, and I could not get there fast enough.



# Conviction

## Smith Wigglesworth

As I returned, I believe that the Spirit of the Lord was so heavily upon me that my face must have shone. *(No man can himself know when the Spirit transforms his very countenance.)* There were two clerical men sitting together, and as I got into the carriage again, one of them cried out, **"You convince me of sin."**

# Conviction

## Smith Wigglesworth

Within three minutes every one in the carriage was crying to God for salvation. This thing has happened many times in my life. It is this ministration of the Spirit that Paul speaks of, this filling of the Spirit, that will make your life effective, so that even the people in the stores where you trade will want to leave your presence **because they are brought under conviction.**

# Conviction

## Smith Wigglesworth

On another occasion, Wigglesworth boarded a train at Bradford to travel to London. He selected a corner seat. Eventually, five more people joined him in the compartment. As was his custom, he took out his Bible and began to read and pray silently. He never spoke a word to his fellow travelers. About thirty miles away from London, he went to the rest room.

# Conviction

## Smith Wigglesworth

As he was making his way back to the compartment, the man who had been sitting next to him said, "I don't know what it was, but when I sat next to you, a **terrible fear gripped me. I was afraid I was going to die. What was it?"**

# Conviction

## Smith Wigglesworth

Wigglesworth said, "Come back into the compartment."

All the others there said they had experienced the same feeling. **Wigglesworth explained to them about conviction** and the way of salvation. They all knelt on the floor of the compartment and accepted the Lord.

# Conviction

## 2. Of Righteousness - John 16:10

'of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;'

- An awareness of the righteousness of God, and His demand for it.
- Love for Jesus explodes in the heart, we **KNOW** His righteousness can be imputed upon us.

# Conviction

**Because I go to the Father = Payment  
Accepted!**

# Conviction

You were born with IMPUTED sin, already DEAD in sin. You now have IMPUTED righteousness, and have become alive unto ETERNAL LIFE.

2 Cor 5:21

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



# Conviction

**His righteousness offers relationship as  
its prize, to KNOW GOD.**

# Conviction

## Gen 3:6 - 7

"... She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; **and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.** And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden."

# Conviction

**Rom 5:1 - 2**

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom ALSO we have ACCESS by faith into this grace in which we stand...”

# Conviction

## 3. Of Judgement - John 16:11

'of judgment, because the ruler of this world IS JUDGED.'

- He does exist, and there is no neutrality.
- He IS JUDGED - Past tense.

# Conviction

- **Sin:**

We are great need rescue, and Jesus Christ fills our awareness, its ONLY through Jesus.

- **Righteousness:**

Jesus is enough.

- **Judgement:**

One day, the sky will roll back like a scroll, and the books will be opened.

**WE NEED THE CONVICTION OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT.**

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