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2 Breakthrough Science

- FDA has approved a new device that has the potential to save many lives.
- Monitors
 - Heart Rate
 - Respiratory Rate
 - Bodily fluid levels
 - Overall Activity
- Transmit all this information for review and monitoring by your doctor through a wireless connection.

3 Media Coverage

- Will IT change how doctors treat you in 2010? – Computer World
- Corventis's PiiX Monitor Promises to Predict Heart Failure – Fast Company
- Take Two Digital Pills and Call Me in the Morning – Wall Street Journal
- Corventis' wireless monitor helps doctors beat heart disease – Business Journal

4 PiiX

5 PiiX – Review

- Wireless (Bluetooth®)
- Water-resistant sensor
- Can be used to monitor hundreds of thousands of patients.
- May be able to be used to predict strokes and diagnose conditions such as sleep apnea.
- Moves technology from the reactive approach of practicing medicine to something that is much more proactive, preventative, and individualized.

6 Idea!

- Why don't we make something like the PiiX and use it monitor people's spiritual health.
- We can have it where it sends that data to our church office for analysis.
- Couldn't Jim Latimer make this device out of some binders twine, a coat hanger, a "D" cell battery, and refrigerator parts?
- We could call it the PiiUS (Pious Sensor).

7 PiiUS

- We could use this Device to constantly monitor everyone's spiritual health and give the elders of our church early warning signs to the following . . .
 - Actions,
 - Motives,
 - Speech,
 - Truthfulness,

- Commitments, and
- Where they put their Trust.

8 Media Goes Wild

- Church in Lexington, Ky on the cutting edge of technology and spirituality – NYT
- God is impressed with Ekklesia—especially with their pastor – Christianity Today
- Parishioners can't get away with anything—Devil is upset. – Lexington Herald-Leader
- Band-Aid device, key to new form of spiritual development, Pope retires – Vatican Post

9 Testing the Data

- Why do you boast of evil, you mighty man? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God? Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit. You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth. Selah You love every harmful word, O you deceitful tongue! (Psalms 52:1-4 NIV)
- Would this man set off alarms on our PiiUS device?

10 Analyzing the Data

- Now assume we who intend to obey God were also wearing a PiiUS sensor.
- All our motives, intentions, view of self, empathy for others and so on would be coming into our church database.
- What would happened if some of our data matched the data from the “mighty man” mentioned in Psalm 52?
- Would that information be helpful? Would it cause us to perhaps fix things in our life or would that kind of information freak us out?

11 Handling Correction

12 Good News

- We don't have to wait until our PiiUS sensor is invented.
- In the Bible, there is an early prototype.
- It is found in Psalm 139.
 - Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalms 139:23-24 NIV)

13 Early Prototype

- Sincere and humble prayers.
- Prayers of self-examination.
- In other words, we can pray and ask God and He will tell us how we are doing?
- We already have a PiiUS sensor.

14 Prayers of Examination

- ‘Teach me what I cannot see; if I have done wrong, I will not do so again.’ (Job 34:32 NIV)
- O LORD my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands — if I have done evil to him who is at peace with me or without cause have robbed my foe — (Psalms 7:3-4 NIV)
- Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; . . . (Psalms 26:2 NIV)
- Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. (Psalms 143:8 NIV)
- Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. (Psalms 19:12 NIV)

15 Why Self Examination?

- The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? “I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve.” (Jeremiah 17:9-10 NIV)

16 Ignorance is not Bliss!

- “Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’” (Malachi 3:7 NIV)
- “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse — the whole nation of you — because you are robbing me.”(Malachi 3:8-9 NIV)
- Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit,” says the LORD Almighty. “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the LORD Almighty. (Malachi 3:10-12 NIV)

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- Elsewhere in Micah,
 - The people had no idea why God wasn’t answering their prayers. God’s answer was because of all of the divorce and physical abuse against wife that was going on in the nation.
 - The people too had no idea that God had had enough with all whining about the wicked. He had to specifically tell them that judgment is coming.

17 Bill Hybels

- In 1999, the Lord spoke to Bill Hybels’ heart through a book a friend had given him.
- This book shattered his perception about himself and his ministry.
- So he changed many things about his church and today, it is one of the most racially integrated churches in Chicago.

18 Revivalism Today

- I want God to move in our church and in our lives. However, I'm not sure if the culture of revivalism is offering us the best hope.
- What I would like to see is Ekklesia as a church and believing community, to humble ourselves before the Lord and seek His face so that He can bring correction to our lives where we can then be noble vessels for His glory.

19 Conclusion

- For in his [the wicked] own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin.
(Psalms 36:2 NIV)
- But we are not like the wicked, we have been chosen by the Father, redeemed by the Son, and empowered by the Spirit.
- Therefore, let us use proactive and preventative spiritual medicine for our souls.

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