

When Apathy creeps in.

On the surface everything looked great! They believed that they were alive. The reality however, was that they were DEAD!

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. ‘Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die, for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God. So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come to you. But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.’”

Revelation 3: 1-4

Apathy is the absence or suppression of passion, emotion, or excitement. It's a lack of interest in or concern for things. When I think about apathy, I often think about Hebrews 6:11-12. The Hebrew writer said, “*And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promise.*”

The CSB translation uses the word “lazy” instead of sluggish. It's the same word that's used in Hebrews 5:11, where the Hebrew writer said, “Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.”

The church in Sardis was dead. No doubt, they had become dull of hearing. They had become sluggish. What did they need to do? What they were told by Jesus is what we must remember. Consider the words of Jesus in Revelation 3:2-3.

1. **Wake-up!** Jesus had to wake up the church in Sardis and Laodicea. For us to ensure apathy doesn't creep in, we need to hear from Jesus. We can listen to Jesus by opening up His word. We need to hear from Him on a daily basis, to see what matters of our hearts need to be corrected.
2. **Remember what we've received and heard.**
3. **Repent!**

Our ultimate destination is heaven! Now is no time to lose heart. Let's walk by faith and with patience so we can inherit the promise of eternity with our Father.

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