



Apathy

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.”

Revelation 3:14-18

2 Insights

- No commendation!
- Jesus is calling out Apathy

- Apathy is the greatest spiritual threat we face

‘Apatheia’-

‘A’ - without

‘patheia’ - passion, Zeal

Apathy = meh

Apathy

- makes Jesus sick
- antithesis of Christlikeness
- threatens present + next generation of church
- numbs us . . .

- Jesus notes apathy leads to self – deception.

Quiz – Spiritual health

- Pray daily
- Read Bible (verse of the day)
- Attend church
- Small group
- Help serve
- Give
- Talk about Jesus
- Confess sin

“Buckets of time looking at screens = almost no time in spiritual habits/disciplines = meh!”

“The paradox of apathy – we engage w/vigor the things that are peripheral and are bored by the things that are at the core of who we are.”

Uche Anizor
Overcoming Apathy

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Revelation 3:20-22

Is apathy a sin? – *“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.”*

Revelation 3:19

be earnest + repent
zeal – literally- to boil

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”

Romans 12:11

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Revelation 3:20