

A Real But Hidden Danger

Hebrews 3:7-13

Spiritual Apathy

- Apathy – a lack of feeling, emotion, interest, and concern; a state of indifference...
- The polar opposite of “zeal” – causes lack of attention & involvement; blames & scapegoats others for personal shortcomings.
- Minimizes the spiritual & magnifies the material.
- Mat. 6:33; Rom.12:1-2; Gal.2:20; Col. 3:1-4.
- Hidden, because we seldom see it in ourselves.
- Robs the Lord & His church of more than we think.

Apathy Robs the Church

...of its potential for strength derived from the edification & encouragement of corporate worship – Heb. 10:22-25.

- Enthusiasm to worship is absent – Psa. 122:1.
- Hinders effective teaching & learning – Heb. 5:11-12.
...of its growth potential – Eph. 4:14-16.
- 1 Tim. 4:16 – Little interest in self = No interest in others!
...of its potential to do the Lord's work – 2 Cor. 8:5.
- Little giving = little work! – cf. 2 Cor. 9:6-8.

Apathy Robs Christians

...of spiritual growth and maturity – Acts 2:42, 46; Rom. 12:11 (cf. Eccl. 12:1).

- Mat. 22:29; Mk. 12:24 – Of Bible knowledge.
- Heb. 5:12-14 – Of personal growth.
- Heb. 6:4-6 – Of their own salvation!
- Mat. 25 – The five foolish virgins; the one talent man; those who neglected to serve others; and in so doing, failed to serve the Lord.

Apathy Robs Christ

...of heaven bound souls – Lk. 19:10.

- Mat. 13:14-15 – The indifferent heart is “HARDENED.”

...of selfless servants - Lk. 9:23.

- Jn. 13:12-17 - Not to be served, but to serve others!
...of faithful workers – 2 Tim. 2:1-6...
- Willing teach & endure hardships.
- Willing to compete according to rules.
- Gk. for “hardworking” (NKJV) means “to feel fatigue”!

Decision...

- Spiritual apathy is deadly sin! – Rev. 3:15-16.
- Indifference always leads to inaction.
- Mat. 15:5 – Hear what Christ has to say.
- Jn. 8:24 – Take it to heart, believe Him!
- Acts. 2:38 – Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
- 2 Pet. 3:18 – Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Rev. 2:10 – Be faithful until death.

That's Not My Job!

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Heb 5:11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

Heb 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Eph 4:14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Eph 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

1Ti 4:16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

2Co 8:5 And not *only* as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and *then* to us by the will of God.

2Co 9:6 But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2Co 9:7 So let each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

2Co 9:8 And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

Act 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Rom 12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

Ecc 12:1 Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":

Mat 22:29 & Mk 12:24 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Mat 13:14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'HEARING YOU WILL HEAR AND SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND, AND SEEING YOU WILL SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE;

Mat 13:15 FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL. THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM.'