

Apathy

Revelation 2:1–4; 3:1–2; 3:14–16

“Want of feeling; lack of emotion or excitement; indifference to what appeals to the feelings or interest.” (Webster)

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What Is Wrong With Apathy?

- ▶ Destroys. **Ecclesiastes 10:18; Proverbs 18:9**
- ▶ Spiritual needs of others go unmet. **Romans 1:14–16; John 6:44–45; John 1:40–42; cf. Romans 10:17**
- ▶ Hurts quality of worship. **Ephesians 5:19; John 4:24; cf. 2 Timothy 3:5**
- ▶ Puts God second. **Matthew 6:33; cf. Matthew 22:37**
- ▶ Condemns the soul. **Revelation 2:4–5; 3:1–3, 16–17**

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Causes Of Apathy

- ▶ **Pro\$perity.** **Deuteronomy 6:10–12; Amos 6:1–6; 1 Timothy 6:6–10**
- ▶ **More work to “get ahead.”** **Ecclesiastes 5:10; Luke. 12:15**
- ▶ **“Second generation” Christians.** **cf. Joshua 24:15–21; Judges 2:10; cf. Exodus 12:24; Joshua 4:20–24; Deuteronomy 6:6–9; 10–12**
- ▶ **Forget Judgment.** **2 Peter 3:4; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:12; Matthew 25:31; Hebrews 9:27**
- ▶ **Temporal pleasures.** **Luke. 8:14; 2 Timothy 4:10; Hebrews 11:24–25**

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How Is Apathy Shown?

- ▶ **Loss of zeal.** **Romans 10:2; cf. Hebrews 10:32–34; Romans 12:11; Hebrews 6:9–12; Titus. 2:14**
- ▶ **Loss of spiritual interest.** **2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 5:11–14; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Hebrews 10:24–25**
- ▶ **Consumed with secular interest.** **Luke. 8:14; 1 John 2:15; Luke. 14:15–24**
- ▶ **Hard heart – without emotion.** **cf. Psalms 19; 2 Peter 1:9; Ephesians 4:17–24; cf. 2 Corinthians 7:10–11; Romans 9:1ff; 10:1–3**

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Cure For Apathy

- ▶ **Repentance.** **Revelation 2:4–5; 3:3; 3:17–19; cf. 2 Corinthians 7:10–11**
- ▶ **Reaffirm priority in life.** **Philippians 3:14–16; 18–19; Matthew 6:33**
- ▶ **Be devoted to the Lord.** **Matthew 22:37; 10:34; Romans 12:1–2; cf. 2 Corinthians 12:15**
- ▶ **Labor in the vineyard.** **Matthew 9:37–38; cf. Revelation 22:3**
- ▶ **Think.** **Colossians 3:2; 2 Corinthians 10:5; cf. Philippians 4:8**

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