

Indifference

Americans

Millions make no effort to serve God.

Threat to church comes from Christians in name only – the indifferent.

They destroy themselves, their families, and churches.

Indifference

In (not) + different (something makes no difference)

Indifference is related to . . .

Carelessness, coldness, apathy,
neglect, unconcern, disinterest

I. Indifference Is Controlling

Indifference wants control

Rv.2:4-5

Once strong; let guard down; lived in past?

They must...

1. Realize their sins / state. 1 Co.13; 1 Th.1
2. Remember (5)
3. Repent: clean break with lovelessness.
1 Pt.4:8
4. Repeat: back to beginning...or lose soul

Indifference wants control

Rv.3:1

You are dead!

- Some realize too late what is happening.
 - Mt.6:33, seek first...
 - Mt.22:38, first commandment...

I. Indifference Is Controlling

II. Indifference Is Costly

Indifference: apostasy in baby steps

- Attendance. Hb.10:24-25
- Study. Jn.4:34
- Prayer. Concern kindles prayer. Ep.6:18
- Giving. 2 Co.9:7
- Fruit. Lk.8:14-15
- Grudges. Lv.19:18

Indifference ends in
eternal condemnation.

Lk.19:...20-27

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III. Indifference Has Causes

Worldliness

- Mt.6:33 – constantly seek first
- Ja.4:4
 - What difference does it make if he renounces God, and storms out of the building . . . or
 - steadily, slowly falls away?

Worldliness

Sin

- Mt.24:12-13
- Brutality of Jews and Romans, errors of false prophets, and the betrayal of Christians by Christians could turn passion into apathy.
- Nothing is more contagious than sin.

Worldliness
Sin
Ignorance

- Gal.1:10
- Gal.3:27
- Put on: to clothe oneself in, wear.

“To become so possessed of the mind of Christ as in thought, feeling, and action to resemble him and, as it were, reproduce the life he lived”

– Thayer, 214

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IV. Indifference Has A Cure

Get over it

- Confess it. Ja.5:16
- Repent of it. Ja.4:17. Ac.8:22
- Do something about it. Ja.1:22-24
- Love. Rv.2:4-5