



Indifference

Revelation 3:14-18

Introduction

- Indifference means...
 - a lack of interest,
 - a lack of concern,
 - or a lack of sympathy.

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- Indifference towards spiritual matters is very dangerous.
- When we lose interest, when we become indifferent to serving the Lord, then we lose our focus on serving the Lord.



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 - The warning: “Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.”

Heb 2:1

- CSB – “...we must pay attention all the more to what we have heard...”
- *Indifference causes us to stop paying attention to what we have heard!*



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 - **We stop studying God's Word.**



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 - We stop “rightly handling” God’s word. *2 Tim 2:15*



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 - **We stop discerning between right and wrong. *Heb 5:12-14***



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 - **We stop being prepared for the “work of the ministry.”** *Eph 4:11-12*



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 - The Laodiceans: *Revelation 3:14-18*
 - *The Laodiceans were not interested in zealously serving the Lord. Cf. Titus 2:14*
 - *They were “lukewarm.”*
 - *As a result, they stopped seeking spiritual treasures.*



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- Brings on spiritual poverty.
 - When we lose interest, we also stop seeking spiritual treasures.
 - **We stop laying up treasures in heaven.**
Matt 6:19-21



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 - **We stop seeking the “reward of the inheritance.” *Col 3:23-25***



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 - **We lose our confidence and the great reward. *Heb 10:35-39***



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 - The Israelites: *Malachi 1:6-14*
 - *The priests had lost interest in offering the sacrifices God wanted.*
 - *The priests were not interested in seeking God's favor.*



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 - When we lose interest, we no longer offer up acceptable sacrifices.
 - Consider *Romans 12:1-2*.
 - We do not care about what God finds acceptable.
 - We are not interested in seeking God's favor.



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 - ❖ **Our songs lack melody in the heart. *Eph 5:19***



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 - ❖ **Our prayers are without intent and reverence.**
Cf. Matt 6:5-15



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 - ❖ **We have no interest or desire to hear God's word. *Cf. 2 Pet 2:2; 2 Tim 4:1-5***



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 - ❖ We partake of the Lord's Supper without thinking about Jesus' death.
Cf. 1 Cor 11:23-34



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 - ❖ **We contribute without thought and cheer.**
Cf. 2 Cor 9:7



When We Become Indifferent, ...

- We lose interest in Bible study.
- We lose interest in worrying about right and wrong.
- We lose interest in going to church services.
 - Lose interest in Bible classes.
 - Lose interest in setting through worship services.
- We lose interest in so many other areas of spirituality.



Conclusion

- Are your interests consumed by the things of this world?
 - John warned: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” *1 John 2:15*



Conclusion

- Take interest in the Lord and His word. Come back to letting the Lord's interest guide your life.
- Do not allow the world to take your interest away from the Lord and His church.

