TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA FAITHFUL AND TRUE WITNESS, THE RULER OF LUKEWARM—NEITHER HOT NOR COLD—I AM

REVELATION 3:14-19

WRITE: THESE ARE THE WORDS OF THE AMEN, THE 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 ABOUT TO SPIT YOU OUT OF MY MOUTH. YOU SAY,

REVELATION 3:14-19

'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. THOSE

WHOM I LOVE I REBUKE AND DISCIPLINE. SO BE EARNEST AND REPENT.

REVELATION 3:14-19





REVELATION 3 V. 14-19





THE PARADOX OF APATHY IS THAT WE ARE CAPTIVATED BY THE THINGS WE DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT AND ARE LUKEWARM TO THE THINGS THAT, IN OUR HEART OF HEARTS, MEAN THE MOST TO US. WE DON'T ACT ON WHAT WE SHOULD ACT ON, BUT WE ARE AWAKENED TO THINGS WE SHOULD PROBABLY IGNORE.

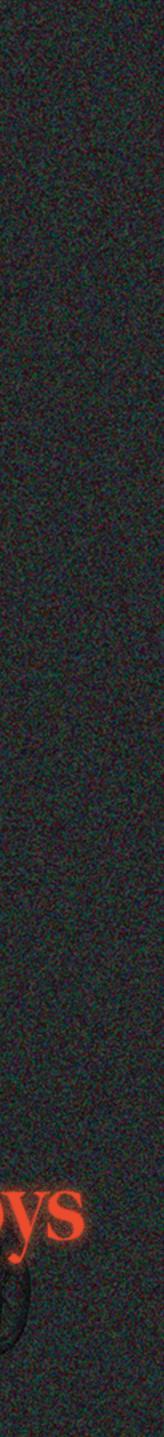
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SOURCE OF APATHY #1: UNCONFESSED SIN

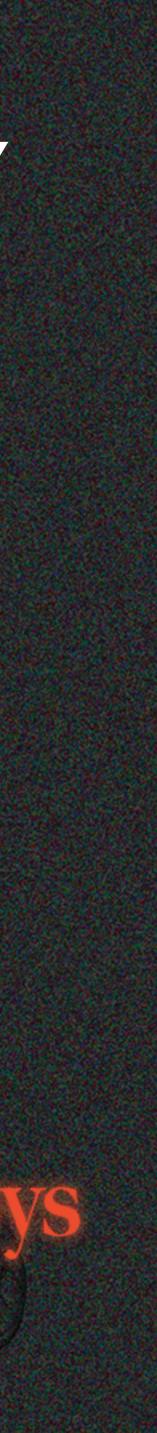




WHEN I KEPT SILENT, MY BONES WASTED AWAY THROUGH MY GROANING ALL DAY LONG. FOR DAY AND NIGHT YOUR HAND WAS HEAVY UPON ME; MY STRENGTH WAS SAPPED AS IN THE HEAT OF SUMMER.

PSALM 32:3-4







SOURCE OF APATHY #2: NEGLECTING SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES



DO NOT BE DECEIVED: GOD CANNOT BE MOCKED. A MAN REAPS WHAT HE SOWS. WHOEVER SOWS TO PLEASE THEIR FLESH, FROM THE FLESH WILL REAP DESTRUCTION; WHOEVER SOWS TO PLEASE THE SPIRIT, FROM THE SPIRIT WILL REAP ETERNAL LIFE.

GALATIANS 6:7-8







SOURCE OF APATHY #3: FILLING OUR MINDS WITH TRIVIALITY

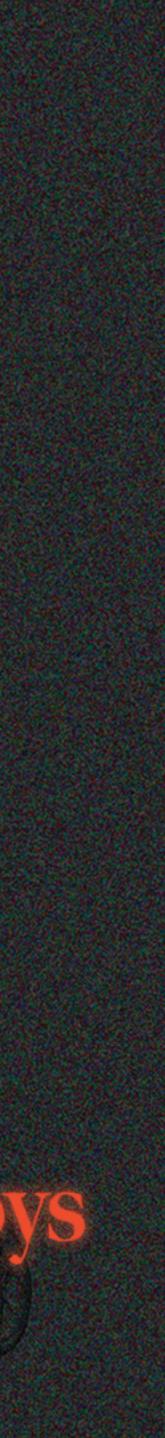




THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN AMUSED INTO INDIFFERENCE.

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"SO BE EARNEST AND REPENT..."

(REVELATION 3:19B)

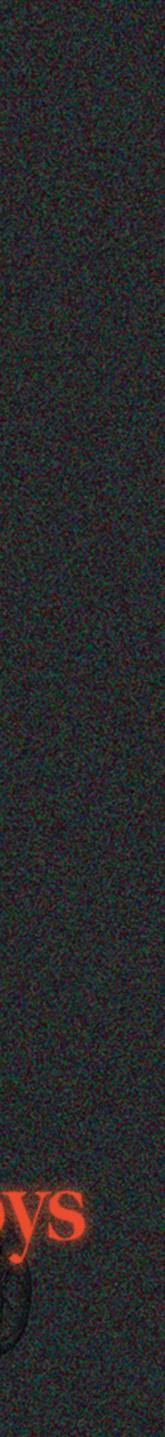






STEP #1: CULTIVATE HONESTY IN COMMUNITY





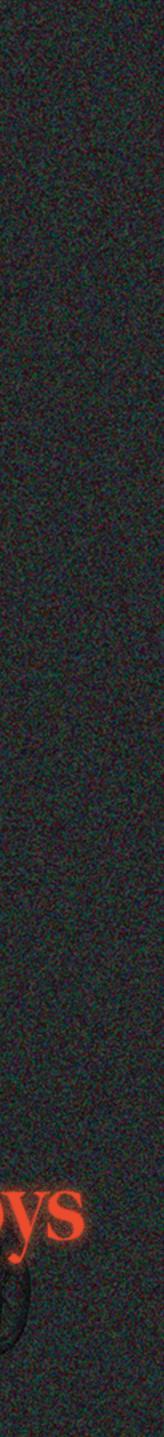






STEP #3: CUT BACK ON TRIVIALITIES







BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. HONOR ONE ANOTHER ABOVE YOURSELVES. NEVER BE LACKING IN ZEAL, BUT KEEP YOUR SPIRITUAL FERVOR, SERVING THE LORD. BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.

ROMANS 12:10-12



