

Apathy versus Commitment

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The Sin of Apathy

- I. Subtlety of Apathy
- develops gradually, slowly: Hebrews 2:1
 - harder to see what we're not doing: Hebrews 5:11-12
 - treat the symptoms of apathy as the real problem
 - * i.e., absenteeism, no knowledge, no prayer
 - * real problem - the heart: Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 15:19

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- II. Causes of Apathy
- No fear of God – awe for our Creator (Jeremiah 32:17); dread of displeasing Him (Psalms 119:120)
 - * leads to obedience: Deuteronomy 6:1-2; Ecclesiastes 12:13
 - * enforces commitment: Deuteronomy 10:12
 - Focus on the world: Luke 8:14; Deuteronomy 8:11-14
 - No knowledge: Hosea 4:6; Romans 10:3, 17
 - Doctrinal softness: Isaiah 30:9-11; 2 Timothy 4:3-4

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- III. Symptoms of Apathy
- no zeal: Titus 2:14; Romans 12:11; Revelation 2:4-5
 - no spiritual interest:
 - * no appetite for the Word: 1 Peter 2:1-2
 - * not bothered by sin: Proverbs 8:13; Romans 12:9
 - * not troubled by error: Psalms 119:136; 2 John 9
 - * no compassion toward the lost: Mark 16:15

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- IV. Cure For Apathy
- Preach the word and warn: 2 Timothy 4:1-2
 - Repent: 2 Corinthians 7:10; Revelation 2:5
 - * godly sorrow → changed heart → changed life
 - Study: 2 Timothy 2:15; John 6:45; 8:32
 - Be doers of the word: James 1:21-25