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Apathy alert

I talked last week about repentance. (Specifically, David's repentance.)

But forgiveness does not eliminate consequences. (In 2 Samuel 13-14 this is evident)

- Amnon and his stepsister Tamar. (He made himself sick with his desire.) Absalom and Tamar had the same mother, but not Amnon.
- Amnon plotted a rape that David could have prevented.
- Amnon then "hated her" and shunned and shamed her.
- David was notified and it made him mad but took no course of action! (We cannot turn a blind eye to our children in dealing with things.)
- Absalom, another sibling is infuriated. (Understandable) But kills Amnon and then flees the kingdom.
- Where was David's zeal for his own house? (Can't get old and callous!)
- In 14, we see Absalom return but David does not want to see him.
- Then David half-heartedly forgives Absalom. (Forgiveness does not occur half-heartedly.) This will be a problem that we will see later.

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Their just seems to be less fervor in David's life. (The consequence of sin can really wear a person down!

So can life. It can drain us of the energy that we need to serve God!

In a church we see let down. In marriages. In our "holy ambitions"!

Look at these two churches...

Revelation 3:2-3 (ESV) (Church at Sardis)

²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God.

³Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

Revelation 3:16 (ESV)

¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

- Verse 19 says "**to be zealous and repent.**" (Find your way back to zeal!)
- Apathy alert lyrics (DeGarmo and Key)

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Causes for apathy

- In Jonah chapter 4, Jonah doesn't want to join God in forgiveness. (**He wants to hang on to his anger and hatred. Asks to die!**)
 - In Mark 10:21, the rich young ruler goes away sad- **can't give all to Jesus!**
 - Numbers 14:2-4 - Israel wandered in the wilderness/40 years/**wondered if captivity was better than freedom in Christ!**
1. The changing world system- (2 Timothy 4:3-4) **Paul tells Timothy stay with truth!**

- ⑧ 4. Avoid complacent- (you are not finished and aren't an expert Christian!) **No you haven't found something better!**

Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Hebrews 5:11–12 (ESV)

¹¹About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

- ⑨ 5. Faith requires action! - (Hebrews 11:6- "Without faith it is impossible to please God.) God responds to our reach for Him!

a.) **Gratitude, prayer and meditation, study and discipleship, witness and testimony!**

- ⑩ 6. Develop your love for God! (The relationship is as good as what you invest!)

Colossians 3:22–24 (ESV)

²²Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

- ⑪ 7. Encourage others with your presence- (Christianity is serving, not being served.) It reciprocates!

Hebrews 10:24–25 (ESV)

²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- We have a mission and a vision to pursue!
- We "have the opportunity" to live with Christ daily!
- Do you know Jesus as your Savior and Lord?