











# Reputation or Reality? Apathy or Action? Dying or Dedicated?



#### 1. Reputation or Reality? (Revelation 3:1)



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"He who has the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars." The reference to "the seven Spirits of God" is a clear reference to the Holy Spirit.



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Jesus is the central message of the Church (stars) and the source of its life (Spirit).





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- 3. Like Sardis, resisting change.



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#### 2. Apathy or Action?

By not going into the world, you have to find ways to make room for the world in your midst.



#### "The unsaved in Sardis saw the church as a respectable group of people who were neither dangerous nor desirable." (Warren Wiersbe)



#### Urgency: "Wake up"



#### Urgency: "Wake up" Life: "Remember"



#### Urgency: "Wake up" Life: "Remember" Action: "Repent"



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#### **3. Dying or Dedicated?**

# He wanted to remind us that even the 'dead' are not too far gone for Jesus.



#### "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins." (Ephesians 2:1)



#### **3. Dying or Dedicated?**

Jesus is the Son of God who examines the depth of our soul and judges righteously!



#### **3. Dying or Dedicated?**

Our dedication is proven from a wholehearted commitment to God's Word and the proclamation of the Gospel.



"Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32-33)





#### "Why did you pat the back of my beliefs and never tell me the truth of Jesus?"

