

Signs of Indifference

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“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 24:12-13).

Jesus is describing the deathly condition of the nation of Israel, and the city of Jerusalem in particular. Spirituality wanes in an evil society, and even the Lord’s disciples feel the pull into the world. You and I should take notice when we feel *indifference* toward God, His church, or our own spiritual lives. Here are some signs of which you should be aware:

1. **Lack of financial giving, 2 Corinthians 9:7.** The Lord teaches us to give sacrificially, purposefully, and cheerfully. When we fail to give as we have been prospered, this can be a sign of *indifference*.
2. **Poor attendance, Hebrews 10:25-28.** Does your *faithful* attendance to the church services compare with your *faithfulness* at work, at school, or even at coming home at night? If not, and you find excuses to miss often, then **beware**.
3. **Haphazard Bible study, Hosea 4:8.** God said through Hosea that His people were destroyed by a lack of knowledge. Faith can only be strengthened through diligent, consistent study of God’s Word. If you fail to find time for personal Bible study, then sit up and take notice. Your faith will definitely become weaker through neglect.
4. **Absence of personal evangelism, James 1:27.** Indifference cares little for others and thus does the least possible. Do you take time to talk to your friends, family and co-workers about Jesus? The danger here is that your own belief in the good done by the gospel may be failing you.
5. **Lack of fellowship with the brethren, Romans 12:10.** If you are the *last* one in the door, and the *first* one out the door at the church building, and there is **little** or **no** association with brethren outside the assembly, then realize that you may have more in common with the world than you do other Christians. This is not healthy.

Consider these warning signs and make a change if necessary!

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