

Don't Be a Dead Church!

The Message to Sardis

Rev. 3:1-6

"...you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead."
(Rev. 3:1b)

Top 10 Reasons Churches DIE:

1) They're _____, but not relying on the _____.

"It is the Spirit who gives life...." (John 6:63, Zech 4:6)

"Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God... the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." (2 Cor. 3:5-6)

2) They get away from _____.

"...holding fast the word of life...." (Phil. 2:15-16)

"...constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine...." (1 Tim. 4:6)

3) They _____ them.

"...so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.: (2 Cor. 2:11)

"Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8)

4) They won't _____.

"When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away...." (Ps. 32:3)

5) Their _____ becomes _____.

"...this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote." (Isa. 9:13)

6) They allow _____ to _____ them.

"But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another." (Gal. 5:15)

"...being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
(Eph. 4:3)

7) They lose their _____ and forget their _____...
to be _____ - not _____.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish...." (Prov. 29:18, KJV)

8) They care about _____ more than _____.

"[Love]...does not seek its own...." (1 Cor. 13:5)

9) They _____ and refuse to step out on _____.

"No one puts new wine into old wineskins...." (Mark 2:22)

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him...." (Heb. 11:6)

10) They have too many people _____
_____ who really aren't.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven...." (Matt. 7:21a)

"Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?" (2 Cor. 13:5)

➤ _____! (v. 2a) ➤ _____ . (v. 3b)

➤ _____ . (v. 3c)

what remains. (v. 2b)

➤ Live _____ . (v. 4)

➤ _____ what

you've learned. (v. 3a)

➤ _____! (v. 5)