



7 LETTERS

TO THE CHURCH



Revelation 3v1-6

1 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, 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.

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4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

“Many a church begins with a man, reaches out with a mission, becomes a movement and ends up a monument”

Thom Rainer

SPIRITUAL DANGER and SPIRITUAL POWER

SPIRITUAL DANGER

Legalism:

I'm worthy because of my actions

I don't know if God really loves me

The problem with the world is 'those' people

SPIRITUAL DANGER

Dualism:

Separate faith from Sunday and the rest of my week

My faith is between me and God

What's the big deal? A series of small compromises

“Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one--the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts,... Your affectionate uncle, Screwtape.”

SPIRITUAL POWER:

How the Holy Spirit is accessed in our lives

Obey: Doers not just hearers

Pray: How we walk with Jesus

Worship: Rehearsing the Gospel Story

“To worship God is to find him completely consistent, totally reliable, utterly true. The more we worship the less we worry.”