

Revelation 3:1-6

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. ³Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. ⁴Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. ⁵He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. ⁶He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

I. A Church Called onto the Carpet

- Christianity is never a matter of _____ power; it is merely the way of _____ to the source.

1. Signs of an Alive Church:

- _____ worship
- _____ obedience
- _____ for the _____
- Spiritual _____
- Eagerness to _____
- Joyful _____

- _____ is practiced
- _____ is valued
- _____ is evident

2. Signs of a Dead Church:

- Preoccupation with the _____
- _____ take priority over _____
- Personal _____ replaces God's _____
- _____ is prevalent
- _____ attempting big things for God

II. The Cure for a Dying Church

1. _____

1 Peter 5:8

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

2. Don't abandon the _____, rejuvenate them.

- Connecting to God = _____; Connecting to community = _____
- _____ and _____ are the completed goals of the New Testament Church.

3. _____ is always a by-product of _____ and _____.
4. When a church loses the _____ of the movement, it remains only a _____.
5. Give the _____ or _____ test.
 - _____ and _____ always make the majority.
6. Remember that you are _____ for _____.
 - I am as _____ as Jesus.
 - My _____ is on the list for the party to match all parties.
 - I am more than a _____.

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III. **Questions for Reflection:**

1. Are there areas of my life in which I have dropped my guard?
2. Is my worship formal or complete?
3. Have I retired spiritually?
4. What am I endeavoring to do for the Kingdom that is bigger than me?
5. Is the Second Coming a thrill or a threat?