



39 ...“You Pharisees are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and wickedness! Luke 11:39 (NLT)

1 ...“Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy. Luke 12:1 (NLT)

Webster defines indifference as: A lack of interest or concern.

26 “[When I return] the world will be [as indifferent to the things of God] as the people were in Noah’s day.

27 They ate and drank and married—everything just as usual right up to the day when Noah went into the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all. Luke 17:26-27 (TLB)

15 “I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! 16 But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! Revelation 3:15-16 (NLT)

2 causes of spiritual indifference:

- The world has given us everything we want.

17 You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. Revelation 3:17 (NIV)

The problem: We don’t recognize our needs.

- We allow too many distractions in life.

19 ...but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Mark 4:19 (NIV)

The Problem: We’re not going to God for what we really need. Revelation 3:18

How spiritual indifference sets in:

- We’re more concerned with impressing people than living for God.

26 Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you...Luke 6:26 (NIV)

- We’re obsessed with life on earth rather than eternity.

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. 1 John 2:15 (NIV)

- We rationalize sin rather than exposing it.

- We believe in Jesus, but we rarely share our faith.

32 “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

33 But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. Matthew 10:32-33 (NIV)

- We only turn to God when we need him.

- We’re not much different from the world.

2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.... Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Restarting the spiritual fire:

- Every day, do something that requires faith.

It’s better to hurt with a purpose than to just exist without one.

19 I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. Revelation 3:19 (NLT)

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from the talk on Sunday?
- From what you know of the Pharisees, why are they not an example to follow?
- What are some indicators that help you identify spiritual indifference?
- Read Luke 17:26-27; Do you think spiritual indifference is a problem in our world? In our church? In your life?
- Do you see spiritual indifference in our world? Do you see it in your own life? Explain how?
- Talk about the 2 causes of spiritual indifference. What is the problem with the world fulfilling us? How do the distractions of life cause spiritual indifference?
- Go through each point under the sub-heading - “How spiritual indifference sets in”. Which of these do you struggle with most? How do these points prevent a spiritual fire from growing in us?
- Rather than a list of things to do, talk about the one “thing” Dave mentioned to help restart a spirit fire in our lives.

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