



Get Busy Living or Get Busy Dying

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 found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. ³Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, 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. ⁵The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. ⁶Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

First: What c_____ have you made *with* the world or what c_____ have you hidden *from* the world so that everyone will speak well of you?

Ephesus (Revelation 2:2)—"I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance."

Smyrna (Revelation 2:9)—"I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich!"

Pergamum (Revelation 2:13)—"I know you live in the very place where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name."

Thyatira (Revelation 2:19)—"I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first."

Sardis (Revelation 3:1)—"I know you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead."

Luke 6:26, "Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you."

1 Peter 2:12, "Live such good lives among the pagans that...they may see your good deeds and glorify God...."

2 Timothy 3:12, "...everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

Second: W_____ up and get busy living what you believe no matter the cost.

Revelation 3:2, "Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die."

Revelation 3:3, "**Remember**, therefore, what you have received and heard; **hold it fast**, and **repent**."

Revelation 3:5, "They will **walk with me, dressed in white**, for they are worthy. The one who is victorious will...be dressed in white. I will **never blot out the name of that person from the book of life**."