

#### Sardis - The Zombie Church

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# When it comes to my being spiritually healthy...

1. God wants me to <u>acknowledge my spiritual condition</u>.

I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Revelation 3:1b (NIV)

You are like whitewashed tombs, which look fine on the outside but are full of bones and decaying corpses on the inside.

Matthew 23:27 (GNT)

2. God wants me to *monitor my spiritual vitals*.

Wake up!... Revelation 3:2a (NIV)

Be alert,... Revelation 3:2a (GW)

Be watchful,... Revelation 3:2a (MEV)

Therefore if you do not keep-watch, I will come like a thief. And you will never know at what hour I will come upon you.

Revelation 3:3b (DLNT)

#### The Four Vitals of My Faith:

Vital sign #1

### My ability to hear.

Wake up!... Revelation 3:2a (NIV)

Open your ears, and come to me! Listen so that you may live! Isaiah 55:3 (GW)

Vital sign #2

## My response to stimulation.

I know your deeds...you are dead. <sup>2</sup>...I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. Revelation 3:1b, 2b (NIV)

If faith does nothing, then that faith is dead. James 2:17b (ICB)

Obey my commands, and you will live. Proverbs 7:2a (NCV)

## Vital sign #3

#### The condition of my heart.

Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23 (AMP)

Yet 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.

Revelation 3:4 (NIV)

My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming." Psalm 27:8 (NLT)

My heart is steady, God; my heart is steady. I will sing and praise you.

Psalm 57:7 (NCV)

Vital sign #4

## My breathing.

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God...

Revelation 3:1a (NIV)

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...the Spirit brings life.

2 Corinthians 3:6b (GW)

I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again...

Ezekiel 37:14a (NLT)

3. God wants me to do my part to keep my faith alive.

Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit.

1 Timothy 4:7b (TLB)

your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> Remember,	
repent.	Revelation 3:2-3a (NIV)
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