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## **Apathy**

"Apathy is about as near to the undertaker as you can get." – Arlene Francis

"Apathy is the glove into which evil slips its hand." – Bodie Thoene

"The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity." – George Bernard Shaw

"Life can be hated only due to apathy and laziness." – Leo Tolstoy

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

On one occasion, a newspaper reporter was questioned, "What are the two greatest problems in America?" His reply was shocking, "I don't know, and I don't care." His statement was apathetic, and unfortunately the right answer to the question.

It is disturbing how little people care about the injustices in our society. According to the New York Post, on Oct. 24, 2017, "A boozed-up man raped a woman in broad daylight on a street in India over the weekend – and onlookers videotaped the heinous crime instead of trying to help, according to local reports."

According to Breitbart TV, "Per a CBS Pittsburgh report, Pittsburgh Police are investigating an incident caught on surveillance video over a month ago where a man can be seen knocking out a woman and bystanders did nothing to help."

It is regretful to say that many such stories can be found that amplifies a society that really doesn't care. As long as it does not affect them personally, or someone they care about, it is none of their affair.

But amazing to learn, is to find out that this apathy has found its way into the hearts of far too many Christians. So when they hear that almost 60 million innocent children have been aborted since Roe vs. Wade in 1973, they shrug their shoulders. When they hear the Lord's Great Commission, they don't take it seriously: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." (Matt. 28:19-20). "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature'" (Mark 16:15).

Jesus revealed in Matt. 7 that the majority of souls will be lost, destined to an eternity in hell fire. And when we ask Christians how they feel about that, again, it doesn't seem to hit home because it doesn't directly involve them.

The urgency for a person to obey the gospel doesn't seem to be there. Apathy is going to be responsible for a lot of lost souls!