

THE BATTLEFIELD: PART 10

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021

REVELATION 3:1-6, NIV, *“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. **Wake up!** Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of God. Remember therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you don’t wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know what time I will come to you. 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. The 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. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

REVELATION 3:15, *“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold- I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 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. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”*

1. BE ALERT

1 PETER 5:8, NIV, *“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a lion looking for someone to devour.”*

2. BE ACTIVE

• **BE AVAILABLE**

- **MATTHEW 4:19, NIV**, *“Come, follow me,”*
- **PROVERBS 3:5-6, NLT**, *“Trust the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.”*

• **BE EQUIPPED**

- **EPHESIANS 4:12 ESV**, *“To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”*
- **HEBREWS 13:21, NLT**, *“May he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him.”*

• **BE A SERVANT**

- **MATTHEW 20:26, NIV**, *“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”*

- **MATTHEW 20:28, ESV**, *“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.”*
- **BE A GIVER**
 - **LUKE 6:38, ESV**, *“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”*
- **BE A SEEKER**
 - **PROVERBS 3:6,NLT**, *“Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”*
 - **MATTHEW 6:33, ESV**, *“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

3. BE DISCIPLINED

HEBREWS 12:11, NIV, *“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.”*

PROVERBS 12:1, NIV, *“Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.”*

HEBREWS 12:6, ESV, *“For the Lord disciplines the one he loves...”*

REVELATION 3:19, NIV, *“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.”*

4. BE THE CHURCH

MATTHEW 5:13, ESV, *“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.”*