

# Love Your Neighbor - Dealing with Problematic People

## 1. Dealing with those who are indifferent & apathetic

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### Does Jesus cry for American Indifference and Apathy?

**Luke 19: 41-44** - As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

### What's the difference between Patriotism and Nationalism?

**Galatians 3: 28** - There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Revelation 7: 9-10** - After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

### The cause of the epidemic of spiritual indifference

#### 1. Self-sufficiency.

**Revelation 3: 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.

#### 2. Distractions.

**Mark 4: 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.

#### 3. Just don't care.

**Timothy 4: 14** - Do not neglect your gift, which was given you.

- a. Volume of information overwhelming
- b. Feel helpless to make changes
- c. Cursed with comfort

### Restoring passion in ourselves and others

#### 1. Do something.

**Luke 10: 30, 31** - In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

#### 2. Consistently expose ourselves to something that creates righteous discomfort and demands faith.

**Romans 8:31** - If God is for us, who can be against us?

### Revelations 3: 19 NLT

I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.

