

## Stale

### 1. Presentation of religion as being stale and ineffective

- a. bread - loses it's appeal - dry - hardens - molds
- b. soda - loses it's fizz - goes flat - no taste - unappealing
- c. people - might refer to that as being burned out - ideas that never worked
- d. many view Bible as being old and ineffective

### 2. How does that happen ?

#### a. not converted

1. **2 Tim 4.10** - Demas hath forsaken me having loved this present world
2. **Matt 3.8** - bring forth fruits meet for repentance
3. **Rom 12.2** - Be not conformed but be ye transformed
4. **2 Pet 1.19** - Day star arise in your hearts

#### b. give up

1. **Gal 6.9** - We shall reap if we faint not
2. **2 Tim 4.7** - I have finished the course I have kept the faith
3. **2 Cor 4.1**- seeing we have this ministry - we faint not
4. **2 Cor 4.16-18** - while we look not at the things that are seen

#### c. incorrect priorities (excerpt)

1. **Lk 10.39-41** - Mary and Martha - that good thing not taken away
2. **Phil 4.6** - be careful for nothing
3. **Heb 12.17** - he found no place of repentance

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### a. not converted

**2 Tim 4.10** - For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

**Matt 3.8** - Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

**Rom 12.2** - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

**2 Pet 1.19** - We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

### b. give up

**Gal 6.9** - And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

**2 Tim 4.7** - I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

**2 Cor 4.1-** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

**2 Cor 4.16-18** - For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17: For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18: While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

### c. incorrect priorities (excerpt)

**Lk 10.39-41** - And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40: But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41: And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

**Phil 4.6** - Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

**Heb 12.17** - For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was

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rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

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