

*(A Wake Up Call to the Church)*

Throughout Scripture especially in Revelation Jesus repeatedly opens His messages to the churches with the chilling phrase:

**“I know your deeds.”**

Let's look at a few examples:

*Revelation 2:2 (NIV) “I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance...”*

*Revelation 2:19 (NIV) “I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance...”*

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

*Revelation 3:8 (NIV) "I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut..."*

#### Why Does Jesus Begin This Way?

Jesus emphasizes His awareness of our actions to remind us that **He sees all things nothing is hidden from Him.**

As Hebrews 4:13 (NIV) says:

*"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."*

Many people live as though God is unaware of their private lives. But Scripture is clear: He sees the **public and the private**, the **sincere and the deceptive**, the **holy and the sinful**.

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#### To Pastors and Church Leaders

You are called to shepherd the flock of God with integrity (1 Peter 5:2-3), yet some are living double lives preaching salvation on Sunday but engaging in immorality in secret.

*“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. Jeremiah 23:1 (NIV)*

*“Not many of you should become teachers... because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.” James 3:1 (NIV)*

If you are involved in sin sexual immorality, deceit, or manipulation **repent immediately**. God is not mocked (Galatians 6:7). **Jesus knows your deeds.**

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### To Believers Living a Double Life

You may say you're saved, baptized, a worship leader, a church elder... but what happens in secret?

- You watch pornography.
- You engage in fornication.
- You live in habitual sin yet lift up holy hands in worship.

Jesus warned about hypocritical worship:

*“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.” Matthew 15:8 (NIV)*

*“Be sure that your sin will find you out.” Numbers 32:23 (NIV)*

You can fool your pastor, your friends, even your family but you cannot fool the Lord.

**He knows your deeds.**

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### **To Spouses Living in Hidden Sin**

Marriage is a covenant before God. Adultery, secrecy, and lies **break not just trust but violate God's law.**

*“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.” Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)*

You may have hidden children, secret abortions, or affairs thinking no one knows. But the Lord sees.

*“The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.” Proverbs 15:3 (NIV)*

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## **To Hidden Idolaters Among the Saints**

Yes even in the Church, there are some who secretly practice witchcraft, consult spirits, or use charms for “protection” or “prosperity.” These practices are **abominations** before God.

*"Let no one be found among you... who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft..." Deuteronomy 18:10-12 (NIV)*

These individuals may shout "Amen!" and appear holy, but they are spiritually compromised.

**Jesus knows their deeds.**

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### **Wake Up, Church!**

Jesus' warning to the church in Sardis is particularly relevant:

*Revelation 3:1-3 (NIV)*

*"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...*

*But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you."*

This is not the time to play church. **This is the time to repent and live in holiness.**

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### **Repent, While There Is Time**

There is still grace available **but grace is not a license to sin** (Romans 6:1-2).

True repentance involves confession and turning away from sin.

*"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)*

*"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out..." Acts 3:19 (NIV)*

Confess your sins to God. Talk to your spiritual leaders. Ask for prayer and accountability.

The Lord is willing to forgive, restore, and empower you to walk in

righteousness.

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## **The Lukewarm Will Be Rejected**

Jesus despises spiritual complacency.

*Revelation 3:15-16 (NIV)*

*"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."*

Now is the time to fully surrender to Jesus. Half-hearted faith will not survive the coming judgment.

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## **Judgment Is Coming**

God will judge the secrets of every heart.



*"This will take place on the day when God judges people's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares." Romans 2:16 (NIV)*

*"He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart." 1 Corinthians 4:5 (NIV)*

Friend, this is the final hour. **Jesus is coming soon** not as a Savior, but as a Judge.

Prepare your heart. Repent. Live in the light.

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### **May the Lord Bless You**

*"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."  
Hebrews 3:15 (NIV)*

Now is the day of salvation. Don't delay.

**Shalom. Jesus is coming soon.**

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