

The Slumbering Spirit – Key Notes

Theme:

Move from lukewarm to red hot by recapturing the life God wants for you.

What is a Slumbering Spirit?

A dormant or inactive spirit that leads to powerlessness and ongoing sin in the body of Christ.
A hardened heart unable to connect deeply with God or others.

Key Scriptures:

- Isaiah 52:1-2 - Wake up, shake off dust, break bondage.
- Revelation 3:15-16 - Lukewarmness is spiritually useless.
- Isaiah 56:10 - Watchmen asleep, blind, mute.
- Romans 13:11-14 - It's time to wake up; salvation is near.
- Ephesians 4:6 - Fathers should lovingly nurture children.
- Malachi 4:6 - Reconciliation between fathers and children.
- Philippians 3:10 - Knowing Christ through suffering and intimacy.

Two Types of Slumbering Spirits:

1. Never Awakened in Infancy - Lacked nurturing, especially from the father. Spirit never fully drawn forth.
2. Once Alive, Now Asleep - Neglect of prayer, intimacy, and consistent sin. Relate to God intellectually but not experientially.

Symptoms:

- Emotionally engaged but spiritually disconnected.
- Unable to commune with Jesus.
- Engaged in religious forms but not intimate relationship.

The Holy Spirit & the Rock:

The Spirit flows, but a hardened personal spirit (like a rock) cannot engage.
The Greek word for "knew" implies deep intimacy (as in Adam and Eve).

9 Areas Where the Slumbering Spirit Cannot Operate:

1. Corporate Worship (1 Cor. 2:14)
2. Private Devotion (Job 32:8)
3. Receiving Revelation
4. Maintaining Health (Prov. 17:22; 18:14)
5. Original Inspiration
6. Relating to Time (past, present, future)
7. Empathetic Communication
8. Marital Intimacy
9. Mature Conscience (alert before sin, not just remorse after)

How to Minister to a Slumbering Spirit:

R-D-P-P-P (Recognize, Determine, Pray x3):

- Recognize what area is asleep using the 9 functions.
- Determine the quality of parental nurture, especially from the father.
- Pray for forgiveness of parents.
- Pray life into affected areas.
- Pray for resurrection of the spirit.

The Role of the Church:

Healing and awakening require the body of Christ.

Vulnerability is key - connection, love, touch, and community draw out life.

God designed us to awaken through interaction with others.

Daily Disciplines for Awakening:

- Pray daily
- Invite the Lord to awaken your spirit
- Choose life daily

Note: Slumbering is a behavior, not a condition.