

THE MEDICINE AGAINST APATHY

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S – Scriptures

“And he said to me, “Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.” Ezekiel 3: 1-2

C –Consideration

In the first three chapters of his book, Ezekiel is called and commissioned as a prophet. Reading other prophets, we would note a pattern in the Scriptures. In this office, some of them as Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and John had to eat the word and soon after there was an inner transformation in the lives of these men. In the few verses below, Ezekiel wrote: “The Spirit then lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness and in the anger of my spirit, with the strong hand of the LORD on me.” He was no longer apathetic or complacent with the spiritual condition of Israel, but all of a sudden his eyes and ears were opened to understand why the nation ended up in captivity.

C – Commitment

Meditating in this event in the life of Ezekiel, I thought how important it is to digest God’s words daily. Easily the day-to-day routine can make me apathetic to what goes on before my very eyes and I would no longer fulfill my call as a servant of Christ. The Scriptures tell me to rejoice, to show this fruit of the Spirit always, however, even though, looks like a paradox, I can’t rejoice with sin, with iniquity, with injustice and unrighteousness, but like Ezekiel God’s words will produce a wave of divine anger and bitterness against all forms of ungodliness.

C – Call

My Heavenly Father, as I approach another year, I must get the scroll (the Bible) and eat it daily (read it). Please my God, deliver me from disobeying your command to digest your word in my heart. Deliver me from becoming complacent and apathetic towards corruption and sin, but to proclaim your word, which is the only thing that will remain forever. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.