

**“...the love
of many will
grow cold”**

Matthew 24: 12

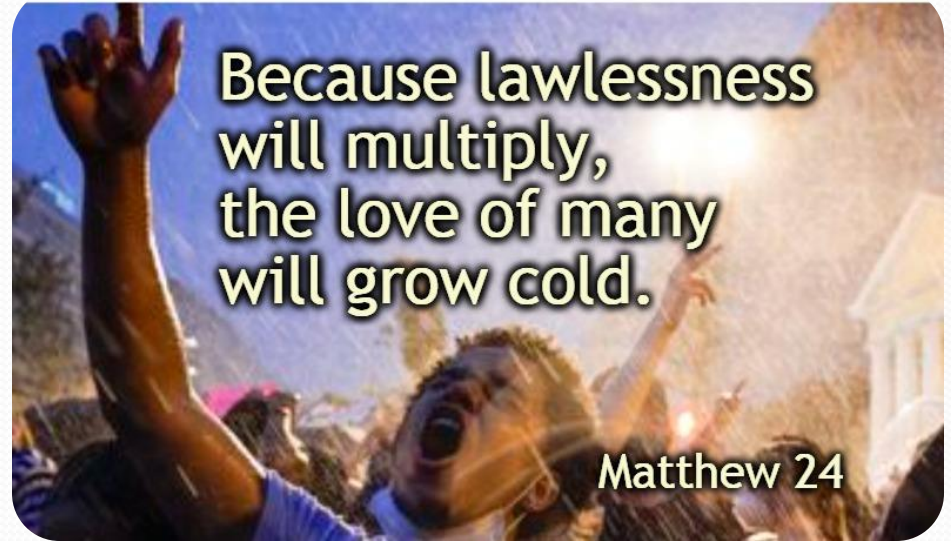




The plague of the
end of time:
Cold Hearts

Highlights

1. Causes
2. Manifestations
3. Outcomes
4. Remedy



Causes ⁽¹⁾

1. Lawlessness:

- ✓ It hardens the heart towards God and others
- ✓ It turns the focus to oneself – selfishness – mind of consumerism



Causes ⁽²⁾

2. A thorny ground:

- ✓ Busyness with many unprofitable activities
- ✓ Worries and desires of riches
- ✓ Being captivated by innumerable images and news



Causes (3)

3. Isolation:

- ✓ From God
- ✓ From each other: plugged into technology not people
- ✓ “A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire” *Proverbs 18:1*

4. Stinginess: in sharing oneself with others

Manifestations

1. Lack of empathy and willingness to understand others
2. Shallow spiritual practices
3. Defensiveness and anger while dealing with one another
4. Slipping into a status of hunger and dissatisfaction



Outcomes ⁽¹⁾

1. Growing in a hostile and unstable environment
2. Lacking the understanding and appreciation for God's love and care
3. Broken relationships



Outcomes ⁽²⁾

- 4. More lawlessness – the vicious cycle



Remedies ⁽¹⁾

1. Stable Environment:

- ✓ Consistent life of worship
- ✓ Safe homes free of offenses
- ✓ The example of the house of Elkana and Hanna



Remedies ⁽²⁾

2. Positive relationships at Home:

- ✓ Empathy
- ✓ Partnership
- ✓ Acceptance
- ✓ Forgiveness
- ✓ Gratitude



Remedies ⁽³⁾

3. Strong Connections:

- ✓ With God: *“Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”* **Luke 24:32**
- ✓ Within the church
- ✓ Within the family
- ✓ With a friend from the cloud of witnesses



Remedies (4)

4. Tenderheartedness:

- ✓ “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you”

Ephesians 4: 32

- ✓ Sharing oneself with others
- ✓ Speaking words of grace
- ✓ Being intentional in showing affection to others (the father of the lost son)

