Killing A Church Without Really Trying

**Reading - Ephesians 3:13-21**

A church can die. ***Revelation 3:1-3 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.***

**I. A church can die BY .**

***Hebrews 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as [is] the manner of some, but exhorting [one another,] and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.***

***John 20:24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.***

***Psalm 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of Jehovah."***

***Psalm 84:10 For a day in Your courts [is] better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.***

**II. A Church can die BY .**

***(2 Timothy 2:2) And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.***

***(1 Peter 5:8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.***

**III. A CHURCH Can Die BY .**

***1 Corinthians 16:2 Upon the first [day] of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as [God] has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.***

**IV. You harm the church BY .**

***Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.***

***Matthew 6:15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses***.

***Mark 11:25-26 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. 26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.***

***Matthew 18:21-22 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."***

***(Hebrews 10:30) For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."***

**V. You weaken the church BY .**

***(Acts 2:47) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.***