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Revelation 3:1-6
The Letter to Sardis

I. A Familiar Introduction (Author, City and Complaint)

- a) Sardis was one of the _____ and _____ cities in the ancient world.
- b) It was the _____ of the ancient kingdom of Lydia.
- c) It was situated on a hill which rose _____ ft above the lower valley.
- d) It was an impregnable _____ against outside invaders.
- e) Consequently, the city became _____ and _____ - _____ and let their defenses down.
- f) Two surprise attacks by foreign invaders and the city went into great _____.
- g) Unfortunately, the church had become like the city— _____ in name only but _____ inside.

II. The Correction

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

1) If you do not repent, there will be a sudden coming of _____ upon the church.

- a) Jesus will come like a thief— _____, _____.
- b) To steal what is most _____.
- c) To _____ what little is left.

III. The Encouragement

- a) There were always a few people in Sardis who were still alive and leading _____, _____, _____ lives in the midst of spiritual deadness.
- b) They did not _____ with the perverse society nor had they grown _____ and _____.
- c) The undefiled have been given the promise of a new _____
- d) Especially meaningful to people who lived in a city where _____ were manufactured.

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The Letter to Sardis

I. A Familiar Introduction (Author, City and Complaint)

- a. Sardis was one of the **greatest** and **wealthiest** cities in the ancient world.
- b. It was the **capital** of the ancient kingdom of Lydia
- c. It was situated on a hill which rose **1500** ft above the lower valley
- d. It was an impregnable **fortress** against outside invaders
- e. Consequently, the city became **smug** and **self-sufficient** and let their defenses down
- f. two surprise attacks by foreign invaders and the city went into great **decline**.
- g. Unfortunately, the church had become like the city—**alive** in name only but **dead** inside.

II. The Correction

- a. **Wake up**
 - b. **Forge ahead**
 - c. **Look Back**
 - d. **Hold on**
 - e. **Turn Around**
- a. If you do not repent, there will be a sudden coming of **judgment** upon the church.
- a. Jesus will come like a thief—**unexpectedly, unannounced**
 - b. To steal what is most **valuable**
 - c. To **remove** what little is left

III. The Encouragement

- a. There were always a few people in Sardis who were still alive and leading **pure, wholesome, Christlike** lives in the midst of spiritual deadness.
- b. They did not **compromise** with the perverse society nor had they grown **complacent** and **comfortable**.
- c. The undefiled have been given the promise of a new **garment**
- d. Especially meaningful to people who lived in a city where **woolen garments** were manufactured.