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Local Church Budget

Spiritual Frostbite. Frostbite is dangerous. As the mercury dips below the freezing mark, we must take extra precautions to keep our extremities warm. *Spiritual* frostbite is even more dangerous, as it can cause eternal damage. We have all been exposed to spiritual coldness at times, so we need to protect ourselves. The symptoms of spiritual frostbite in the church are the same as physical frostbite:

1. You begin to feel extreme coldness. We usually think it's everyone else who is cold. So, we think the church is not as friendly as it once was. The choir is not as good, and the message was cold and empty. Brother Tom didn't shake my hand today, etc.

2. The sensation of tingling takes place. You still have some spiritual memories of warmer days. Oh yes, once in a while you get a warm feeling, but you notice you don't respond as quickly as you used to; you begin to slow down.

3. Numbness begins to set in. There's no longer a concern for lost souls to be saved or much time for Bible study. You say the church needs a revival. The people just don't care anymore. Someone needs to do something—someone else, that is!

4. Then comes the loss of all feeling. Spiritual frostbite has taken its toll. Now you need to visit the Great Physician and let Him examine your heart.