

Title: Look in the Mirror Part 2

Text: Revelation 3

Target: To no longer just go through the motions for the sake of motions, but for a movement of God.

- I. **Sardis: Reality conflicts with Reputation:** *"I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead."* (Vs. 1)
 - A. **Call to Wake-Up:**
 1. **Give Attention to the Immediate:** *"Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die,"* (Vs.2a)
 2. **Get Awareness to the Apparent:** *"for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God."* (Vs. 2b)
 - B. **Call to Look-In:** *"Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you."* (Vs.3)
 - C. **Call to Be-Around:** *"Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy."* (Vs. 4)
 - D. **Call to Stand-Out:** *"The one who conquers will be..."* (Vs. 5)
 1. **Considered Righteous:** *"clothed thus in White Garments"* (Vs. 5)
 2. **Counted as Righteous:** *"Never blot his name out of the book of Life."* (Vs. 5)
 3. **Conveyed as Righteous:** *"Confess his name before my Father and before his Angels."* (Vs. 5)
- II. **Philadelphia: Open door of Opportunity:** *"The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens, and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens."* (Vs. 7)
 - A. **Small, but Strong:** *"I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."* (Vs. 8)
 - B. **Stable and Secure:** *"behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you."* (Vs. 9)
 - C. **Steadfast in the Struggle:** *"Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth."* (Vs. 10)
 - D. **Significantly Sure:** *"I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. The one who conquers I will make ..."* (Vs. 11-12)
 1. **God's Name is on our Heart:** *"I will write on him the name of my God."* (Vs. 12b)
 2. **Heaven is our Home:** *"...and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem."* (Vs. 12c)
- III. **Laodicea: Lukewarm is not an Option:** *"The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation."* (Vs.14)

- A. **The Description of Apathy:** *"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!"* (Vs. 15)
- B. **The Disgust of Apathy:** *"So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."* (Vs. 16)
- C. **The Drift towards Apathy:** *"For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked."* (Vs. 17) *Gold, white garments, eye salve (Vs. 18)
- D. **The Discipline because of Apathy:** *"Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent."* (Vs. 19)
- E. **The Disruption of Apathy:** *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."* (Vs. 20)

Take Away: When you pride yourself in the past, you presume upon the future, you pass over the present! Seize this moment!