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Buy From Me Gold (Part 1):

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Revelation 3:14-22 "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Laodicea. This is the message from the one who is the Amen—the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s new creation: "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see." I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne. "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."

- Jesus is wanting to communicate pivotal truths.
- Jesus is addressing a spirit of indifference!
- But He is also offering a solution, a way out!
- So I advise you to buy gold from me - gold purified by fire!

The upper room discourse has often been viewed as Jesus' final time with His apostles before His crucifixion. It also marks key elements of living successfully in this life. Many have also referred to this as Jesus revealing GOLD. **Gold = Connection**

Galatians 5:1-6 "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."

Response verses *good works*

Our response keeps us connected!

Connection through:

- Service
- Seasons of Intimacy
- The supremacy of Jesus: The only way"
- The manifestation of love.
- The key of peace.
- The secret of abiding.
- Hatred is real.
- The great falling away!
- The work of the Spirit.
- Sorrow that leads to Joy.
- The world, friend or foe?
- The completion of the mission.
- Jesus our great intercessor.
- Unity, one body, one church.