

## OUTLINE & BLURB

**INTRO: REVELATION... reclaim. recycle. renew. reuse. recreate. renovate**

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**Message #9: Start At Home—Laodicea part 7 of 7**

*Write to Laodicea, to the Angel of the church. God's Yes, the Faithful and Accurate Witness, the First of God's creation, says:*

*"I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You're not cold, you're not hot—far better to be either cold or hot! You're stale. You're stagnant. You make me want to vomit. You brag, 'I'm rich, I've got it made, I need nothing from anyone,' oblivious that in fact you're a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless.*

*"Here's what I want you to do: Buy your gold from me, gold that's been through the refiner's fire. Then you'll be rich. Buy your clothes from me, clothes designed in Heaven. You've gone around half-naked long enough. And buy medicine for your eyes from me so you can see, really see.*

*"The people I love, I call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they'll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God!*

*"Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I'll come right in and sit down to supper with you. Conquerors will sit alongside me at the head table, just as I, having conquered, took the place of honor at the side of my Father. That's my gift to the conquerors!*

*"Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches." Revelation 3:14-22 (MSG)*

**WHAT JESUS SAYS TO A COMPLACENT CHURCH**

**See yourself as never before**

## 1. VIEW THE REAL YOU

THREE CUPS OF COFFEE. HOT - COLD - LUKEWARM.

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE LUKEWARM? THREE INDICATORS:

1. You're lukewarm when you can look at yourself and say, "I've cooled off."
2. I've compromised. To become lukewarm is to become like the world around you.
3. I don't care. A sense of spiritual apathy has started to overwhelm your life.

INSULATED CUP/ MUG:

MICROWAVE:

POWERED UP HEATER:

## 2. FESS UP

*"You brag, 'I'm rich, I've got it made, I need nothing from anyone,' oblivious that in fact you're a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless."*

Riches - what we acquire.

Rules – what we require.

Knowledge – how we inquire.

Relationships - who we desire.

Achievement - how we aspire.

## 3. BUY FROM JESUS

*"Buy your gold from me, gold that's been through the refiner's fire."*

Matthew 11:28 *"Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest." He gives us rest.*

John 7:37 *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink."*

John 6:35 *"I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever."*

*"Buy your gold from me... Buy your clothes from me... And buy medicine for your eyes from me."*

Gold refined by the fire = Faith.

White clothes to wear = That's Purity.

Medicine to cover your eyes = Wisdom.

#### **4. RUN TO GOD**

*"The people I love, I call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they'll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God!"* Revelation 3:19 (MSG)

*"I want you to continually open the door to Me."* Revelation 3:20 (MSG)

#### **5. KEEP THE DOOR OPEN**

*"Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I'll come right in and sit down to supper with you."* Revelation 3:20 (MSG)

*"Look! I'm standing at the door of your heart and knocking. If you hear the knock I'll come in."*

*"If you hear me call and open the door, I'll come right in and sit down to supper with you."*  
Revelation 3:20 (MSG)

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