

Please read 2 Corinthians 3:1-6. What do the verses in 2 Corinthians have to say about self-sufficiency?

Confess to God the areas of your life where you are content to live in your own strength. Pray that your attitude will increasingly reflect an awareness of your competency in Christ.

Wednesday

Please read Psalm 46, Psalm 62:1-8, and Acts 17:22-31. List the ways we can depend on God according to these verses.

Write down three ways these verses encourage you today:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What impact would completely depending on Jesus have on your life?

Thank God today for all that he blesses you with. Thank him that you are not in charge of supplying all your own needs. Ask him to help you see his provision for you. Pray that your desire to depend on him all things will grow.

Thursday

Please read Revelation 3:18. What does Jesus tell the Laodiceans to do in this verse? Why? How does this explain the nature of true wealth? Read Ephesians 1:17-22.

Thank God today for the life you have in him. Thank him specifically for the faith, hope, and power that he gives you. Pray that what he offers you would be more appealing to you than anything else.

Friday

Please read Jeremiah 31:3, John 15:15, Revelation 3:19-22. What is the difference between an acquaintance and friendship? How does Jesus demonstrate his desire for a friendship with the church at Laodicea? What does a friendship with Jesus mean to you? How does a friendship with Jesus impact your life?

Thank God today that he wants to have a friendship with you. Pray that your relationship with him will grow more and more into a friendship.

Saturday

Please read Revelation 22 to prepare for tomorrow's message.

Ask God to prepare your heart for tomorrow so that you can worship him in Spirit and truth as you come together with your brothers and sisters. Pray that our One Worship service will clearly show God's grace and truth to all who attend.



**Dear
Church...**

**Love,
Jesus**

Message by Rick McRostie on Sunday, August 23, 2015

Jesus Speaks to Contented People

Chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation contain seven letters from Jesus to seven ancient churches, but his letters are also addressed directly to you!

Revelation 3:14-22 (NIV)

¹⁴ “To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

¹⁷ You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. ²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

²¹ To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”



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One of the greatest challenges followers of Jesus face:

When we're too comfortable we:

Neglect our _____

"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

Revelation 3:15-16

Become _____

"You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.'" Revelation 17a

Become spiritually _____

"But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked." Revelation 3:17b

How can I avoid the pitfalls of prosperity?

1. Recognize my _____

"I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see."

Revelation 3:18 (See Isaiah 55:1-3)

Jesus offers me:

Rich _____

"... gold refined in the fire...." Revelation 3:18 (See 1Peter 1:7 and James 2:5)

Real _____

"... white clothes to wear...." Revelation 3:18

Right _____

"... so you can see...." Revelation 3:18

2. Renew my _____

"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:19-20

"To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation 3:21-22

Daily Meditations

Daily Bible studies and questions for reflection on Sunday's topic.

This week's memory verse:

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Monday

Please read Revelation 3:14-22 and read over your notes. What does the "faithful and true witness" see when he looks at the church in Laodicea? How does the church view itself? What is its true state? Do you relate to the church at Laodicea? In what way do you struggle with self-sufficiency? What encouraged you most in studying this passage?

Thank God today for your sufficiency in him. Ask him to give you the faith to depend on him.

Tuesday

Please read Revelation 3:15-17. If Jesus took your spiritual temperature today, what would he find? When you are feeling too comfortable, which of these three do you struggle with the most?

_____ Neglecting your calling _____ Becoming complacent
_____ Becoming spiritually clueless

How does this tend to manifest itself in your everyday life? Think about your life right now, in what way do you see yourself slipping towards self-sufficiency?