

Seven - Laodicea
(The Affluence Church)
Revelation 3:14-22
August 29, 2021

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. The words of Christ are faithful, true and _____ even when He needs to _____ into our lives. *(Rev 3:14)*
2. A true and faithful witness was one who _____ the truth regardless of the consequences.
3. Three things to remember
 - a. Be careful of an attitude that only looks to God when we have _____ of our earthly resources
 - b. Be careful as well of an attitude that says _____ then maybe it shouldn't be done.
 - c. Remember that _____ comes from the gracious and loving hands of God.
4. Material prosperity sometimes results in spiritual bankruptcy
(Dt 8:10, 12-14, 17-18)
5. Do you have things or _____?
6. There is a wealth that money can't buy.

1. Consider verses 15 and 16. When do you want a hot drink? When do you want a cold drink (see Matthew 10:42 where the same word is used)? When do you want a lukewarm drink?
2. Discuss commentary: Christ begins His evaluation of the Laodiceans by saying that they are neither cold nor hot. Laodicea's water supply had to be provided from a distant source through pipes. The resulting water was lukewarm and barely drinkable. By contrast, the neighboring town of Hierapolis had medicinal hot springs, and neighboring Colossae was supplied by a cold mountain stream. Christ urges the church to be refreshing (cold) or medicinally healing (hot), rather than like the Laodicean water supply. Be able to minister in some valuable way, rather than being worthless, as lukewarm water is!
3. Describe the characteristics of a lukewarm faith. What can we do to overcome the pull from our world to be satisfied and not keep Jesus Christ as our first love?
4. Reflect and share on verse 17, how often in our own lives we may not say, but think, "... I am rich. I have prospered, and I need nothing," especially when we contrast our lives with others in more persecuted and impoverished circumstances.
5. What does the Lord mean in verse 18, "... ? buy from me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, white garments so that you may clothe yourself. . . and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see?" Contrast these with the thought of "poor, blind and naked" in verse 17. Isaiah 55:1-2 speaks of "buying without money", how do we do buy gold, garments and salve from Him today?
6. Verse 20 is frequently memorized and used in evangelism. To whom is Jesus speaking in this verse? How does it fit in with the rest of the letter? See John 14:23.