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Revelation 3:14 “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.15 “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! 16 So, because you are luke-warm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit (vomit) you out of my mouth. 17 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Hosea 12:8

“Ephraim has said, “Ah, but I am rich; I have found wealth for myself; in all my labors they cannot find in me iniquity or sin.”

“It is the nature of God that he makes something out of nothing. Consequently, if someone is not nothing, God can make nothing out of him. Men make something into something else. But this is vain and useless work. Thus God accepts no one except the abandoned, makes no one healthy except the sick, gives no one sight except the blind, brings no one to life except the dead, makes no one pious except sinners, makes no one wise except the foolish, and in short, has

mercy upon no one except the wretched, and gives no one grace except those who have not grace. Consequently, no proud person can become holy, wise or righteous, become the material with which God works, or have God’s work in him, but he remains in his own works and makes a fabricated, false and simulated saint out of himself, that is a hypocrite.”

Martin Luther

“He who feels whole, who thinks that he is reasonably good, and is contented with his condition, does not seek to become a partaker of the grace and righteousness of Christ. Pride feels no need, and so it closes the heart against Christ and the infinite blessings He came to give. There is no room for Jesus in the heart of such a person. Those who are rich and honorable in their own eyes do

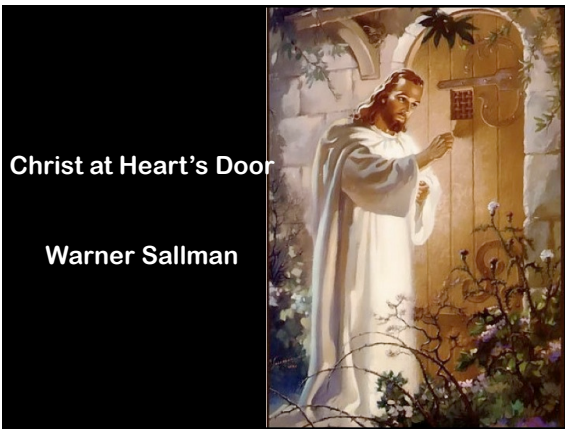
not ask in faith, and receive the blessing of God. They feel that they are full, therefore they go away empty. Those who know that they cannot possibly save themselves, or of themselves do any righteous action, are the ones who appreciate the help that Christ can bestow. They are the poor in spirit, whom He declares to be blessed.”

Ellen White,
Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing
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18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

20 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.



21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered 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.”

Address Meaning	Ephesus Desirable (Early Church)	Smyrna Mynth (Church Fathers, time of persecution)	Pergamum High Elevation (Councils, Creeds and Church/State)	Thyatira Sweet Savor (Papal Rule & Early Reformation)	Sardis That which Remains (Enlightenment and Formalism)	Philadelphia Brotherly Love (Awakenings & Messianic, Advent Movements)	Laodicea Judging of the people (Secularism to Second Coming)
Description of Jesus (Meaning)	Holds the 7 stars, walks among the candlesticks (Still present)	First and Last, died and came to life (Death Conquered)	Sharp two-edged sword (Word that is needed)	Eyes like a flame of fire and feet of bronze (Guidance & Protection)	The one who has the seven spirits and seven stars (Directing, empowering)	Has the Key of David (Authority to rule)	Amen, faithful & true witness, beginning of Creation (Trustworthy, source of life)
Commendation	Patience endurance, test false teachers	Though in poverty, they are rich	Held fast my name and did not deny your faith	I know your love, faith, service—later exceeds the first	Few who have not soiled their garments	Have kept my word, not denied my name	
Censure and Warning (Meaning)	Lost first love, Remove your candlestick (Declining)		Teachings of Balaam and Nicolaitans War against you with the sword of my mouth (Compromise)	Tolerate Jezebel Tribulation, strike children dead (False Doctrines)	Come as a thief (Dead)		Lukewarm, poor, blind & naked (Arrogant)
Counsel	Repent and do first works	Be faithful unto death	Repent	Hold fast what you have	Remember what you have received, repent.	Hold fast what you have.	Buy gold, white garments and eye salve Eat with you, sit on my throne
Promise (Meaning)	Eat of the tree of life (Eden Restored, eternal life)	Crown of life (Reign after death)	Give hidden manna, white stone (Provision, victory, & entrance)	Power over the nations, morning star (Hope of new day)	Clothed in white garments, not blot our names, confess their name to the Father (Justification)	Coming soon. Write on you the name of the my God, the city and my new name (Sanctification)	(Intimacy with God, co-reign)
Appeal	Hear the Spirit	Hear the Spirit	Hear the Spirit	Hear the Spirit	Hear the Spirit	Hear the Spirit	Hear the Spirit

