

# REVAMP

A person in dark clothing stands on a large rock in the foreground, looking across a turbulent river with white water rapids. The river flows through a dense forest of evergreen trees. The background shows misty, forested hills. The overall scene is atmospheric and serene.

GOD STARTS WORKING WHEN WE RECOGNIZE  
OUR SPIRITUAL POVERTY



# Why Do We Need A Spiritual Revamp?

1. We are not in the best of our spiritual health.
2. We need to break free from the ropes that tie us down.
3. God wants to involve us in a fresh season of ministry soon.





**We are not in the best  
of spiritual health.**





**There is a big gap between  
our spiritual conviction and  
our behaviour.**

**The spirit of complacency  
and compromise has seeped  
into the church!**







# The Ropes That Tie Us Down!

- The Rope of Consumerism and Non-commitment
- The Rope of Complacency and Compromise
- The Rope of Cynicism and Criticism



# The Meanings Of Complacency & Compromise

- **Complacency** – A feeling of uncritical satisfaction over one's condition or achievement. Smugness, self-satisfaction, self-approval, self-admiration, self-congratulation
- **Compromise** – The expedient acceptance of standards that are below what is desirable



# Complacency & Compromise

- Root Cause: Pride and Self-sufficiency
- I don't need God nor His Word to lead me in life.
- I can depend on my own experience and wisdom to guide me. I also have good connections and financial resources to see me through life.
- Life must be pragmatic! If it is expedient, I am willing to compromise in my decision making, regardless of biblical principles.



# The Church at Laodicea

A biblical example of a church where  
pride, self-sufficiency and  
complacency had taken roots.



## Revelation 3:14-22

<sup>14</sup> “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. <sup>15</sup> “‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!



## Revelation 3:14-22

<sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.



## Revelation 3:14-22

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.



## Revelation 3:14-22

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.



## Revelation 3:14-22

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



# New Testament Churches In Asia Minor





# Historical Facts About Laodicea

- Poor drinking water
- A prosperous banking centre
- Famous for its black wool
- Established medical centre



# Some Observations From Scripture

1. Jesus knew all the deeds of His people.

<sup>15</sup> **I know your works:** you are neither cold nor hot.

Revelation 3:15



<sup>1</sup> “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who **walks among the seven golden lampstands**

<sup>2</sup> “‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance...

Revelation 2:1-2



# Some Observations From Scripture

2. Jesus rebuked the Laodicean believers for their lukewarmness.

<sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, **I will spit you out of my mouth.**

Lukewarm: Half-hearted, Indifferent, Complacent



# Jesus' Rebuke To Ephesian Church

<sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

<sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, **I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place**, unless you repent.

Revelation 2:4-5



## Jesus' Rebuke To Thyatiran Church

<sup>20</sup> “But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. <sup>21</sup> I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality.

Revelation 2:20-21



# Jesus' Rebuke To Thyatiran Church

<sup>22</sup> “Therefore, **I will throw her on a bed of suffering, and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly** unless they repent and turn away from her evil deeds. <sup>23</sup> **I will strike her children dead.** Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve.

Revelation 2:22-23



# Some Observations From Scripture

3. The Church could not see its own spiritual poverty.

<sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.



## Two Assessments Of One Reality

1. The Church's Assessment: I am rich, prosperous, self-sufficient...
2. Jesus' Assessment: You are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked...





I am an  
awesome  
Lion!  
See how  
majestic I  
am!



# Some Observations From Scripture

## 4. Jesus Was Left Outside Of His Church

<sup>20</sup> 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.



# Characteristics Of The Laodicean Church

- It was lukewarm and pathetic.
- Its spiritual condition made Jesus nauseous.
- It was blind to its own spiritual poverty.
- It functioned independently of Christ. Jesus was left outside of His church.



# Jesus' Counsel To Laodicean Church

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# Jesus' Counsel

<b>Come &amp; Buy From Me</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Benefit</b>
1. Gold refined by fire	Real faith tested by trials (1 Peter 1:7)	True wealth that glorifies God
2. White garments	Righteous deeds of the saints (Revelation 19:8)	Spiritual clothing to cover its nakedness and shame
3. Eye salve	Spiritual wisdom of the Holy Spirit (John 14:26)	Ability to discern true spiritual matters



## Jesus' Final Plea

**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.



# Jesus' Final Plea

1. I rebuke and discipline you because I love you.



## Hebrews 12:5-6

“<sup>5</sup> My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”



## Jesus' Final Plea

1. I rebuke and discipline you because I love you.
2. Be zealous to repent.
3. Open your heart and let me come in to fellowship with you once again!





**But how are we to return to God?**

**What kind of posture should we adopt  
to receive His healing touch?**



## Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector.



## Luke 18:9-14

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I'm certainly not like that tax collector! <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'



## Luke 18:9-14

<sup>13</sup> “But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’”



## Luke 18:9-14

<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. **For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.**”



# The Pharisee & The Tax Collector





## Isaiah 57:15

<sup>15</sup> The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: “I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.




## Psalm 51:16-17

<sup>16</sup> You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering.

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.





**Only a contrite and repentant heart  
can set us free from the rope of  
complacency and compromise!**



## Summary

If we really want to have an effective spiritual revamp in the Upper Room, we need to:

1. Recognize our spiritual poverty
2. Humble ourselves in deep repentance
3. Yield ourselves totally to the Lord



A dark, dense forest with tall trees and a canopy of green and brown leaves. The word "Application" is centered in white text.

# Application