

TO RELATE OR NOT TO RELATE

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REVELATION 3:17-21 NKJV – (17) Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— (18) I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. (19) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, 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 him and dine with him, and he with Me. (21) To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

NOTE: To learn about this particular church (**LUKEWARM CHURCH**), go to my website address <http://www.sohlmeditations.com> and go to the meditation archives page. Go to the subject, “The seven churches of Asia minor.”

Jesus was telling this church that they needed to acquire from Him true wealth. The characteristic traits, behaviors and beliefs that have eternal value. Then they would truly be rich (3:18). By stating be zealous and repent, Christ gave this carnal church an opportunity to get right with God (3:19). See! I stand at the door and knock was an invitation. Jesus will not force Himself into a church. But if any member of a congregation will open the door by submitting to His will, He will come in and eat (3:20). That is, He will have intimate fellowship with believers who respond to His invitation.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 PETER 5:6-7

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When God has plans, He doesn't always send out notifications.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"