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KEYS

for growth and change

Part 7

I. Introduction

Moments of Insight from Jesus:

Church of Ephesus - Remember – Repent – Repeat
Church of Smyrna - He is real, He is near, and He knows
Church of Pergamum - The light of truth helps you recognize danger
Church of Thyatira - Don't drop your guard
Church of Sardis - Don't give up - Wake up – Get up!
Church of Philadelphia - Jesus comforts us so we can step into new opportunities

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.

In this powerful message:

How do I stay passionate about Jesus?
How do I avoid becoming complacent?
How do I stay in love with Jesus?
How can I live the kind of Christian life I have always wanted?

1. BE HONEST ABOUT **YOURSELF** VERSE 14-18

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'I am rich, I've acquired wealth, I don't need a thing.' But you don't realize you're wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 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; salve to put on your eyes so you can see.

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. **Hebrews 4:13**

A. The **CORRESPONDENT**

1. "I am the **AMEN**."
2. "I'm also the **FAITHFUL** and the **TRUE** witness."
3. "The **RULER** of the creation of God"

B. The **CITY**

C. The **CHURCH**

Hot - Cold - Lukewarm.

1. **COLD**
2. **HOT**
3. **LUKEWARM**

- "I've compromised."
- "I don't care."
- "I've left the basics."

2. **ADMIT THAT YOU ARE IN NEED. VERSE 17**

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3. **BUY FROM ME**.

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.

Moment of Insight: "I counsel you to buy from me"
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- **GOLD** refined by the fire.
- **WHITE** clothes to wear.
- **SALVE** to cover your eyes.

5. **OPEN THE DOOR TO JESUS.**

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