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7 Letters (Week 8 of 8)

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. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 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. 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.

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. 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 that person, and they with me.

To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Revelation 3:14-22 NIV

The greatest danger to your faith is not your _____,
but your _____.

Delusions of Strength

1. _____ standards

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot (v. 15).

2. _____ comforts

You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing" (v. 17).

We must regularly make ourselves uncomfortable.

Comfort zones don't keep you safe; they keep you _____.

Path to Dependent Strength

1. Spiritual _____

But you do not realize that you are wretched... I counsel you to buy from me... salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent (vv. 17-19).

- Receive God's discipline as _____ of His love.
- We're either on a path of rebellion or _____.

2. _____ to the source

If you're not intentionally moving forward, you're moving _____.

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