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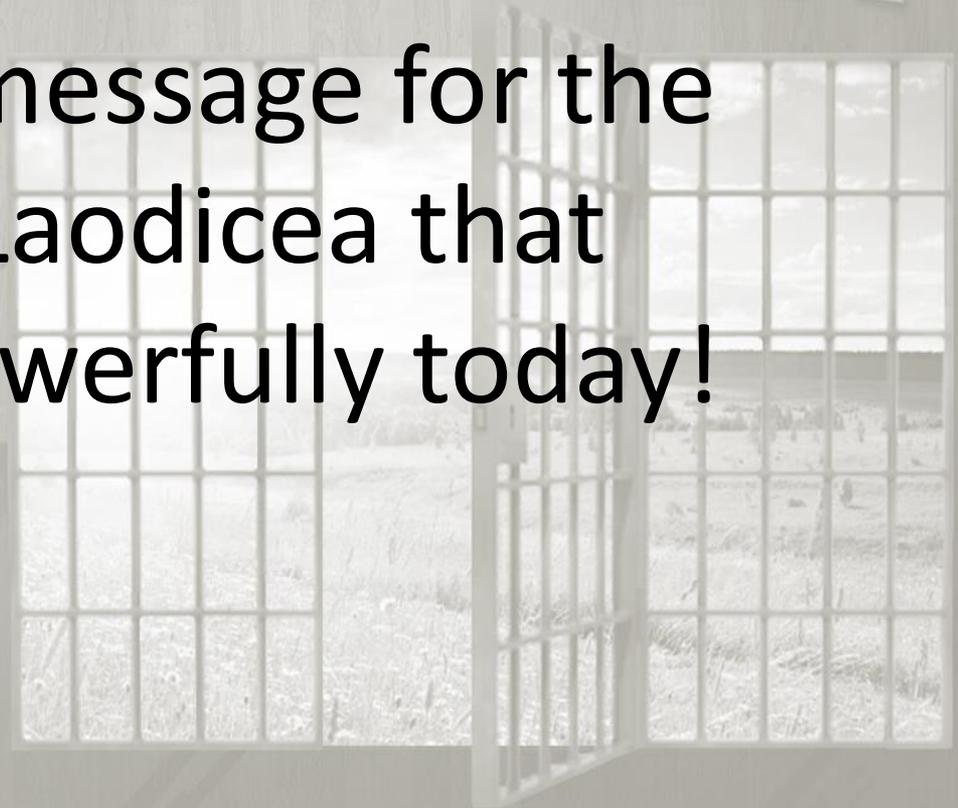


THE HIGH COST OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Introduction:

Jesus had a message for the church in Laodicea that resonates powerfully today!

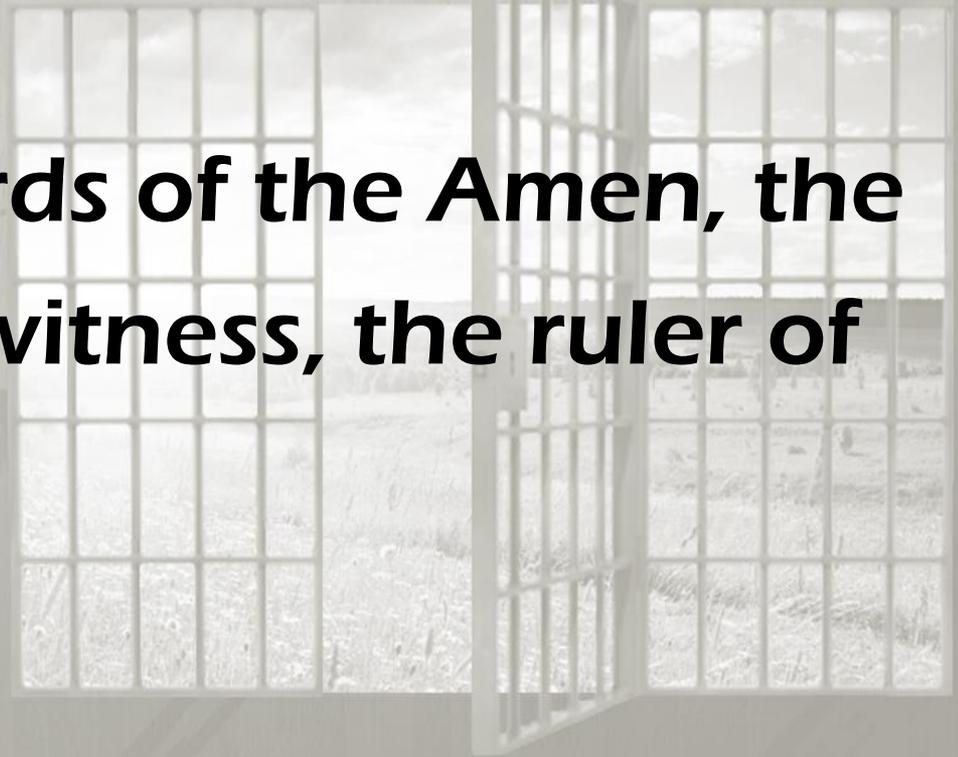
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Text: Revelation 3:14-22

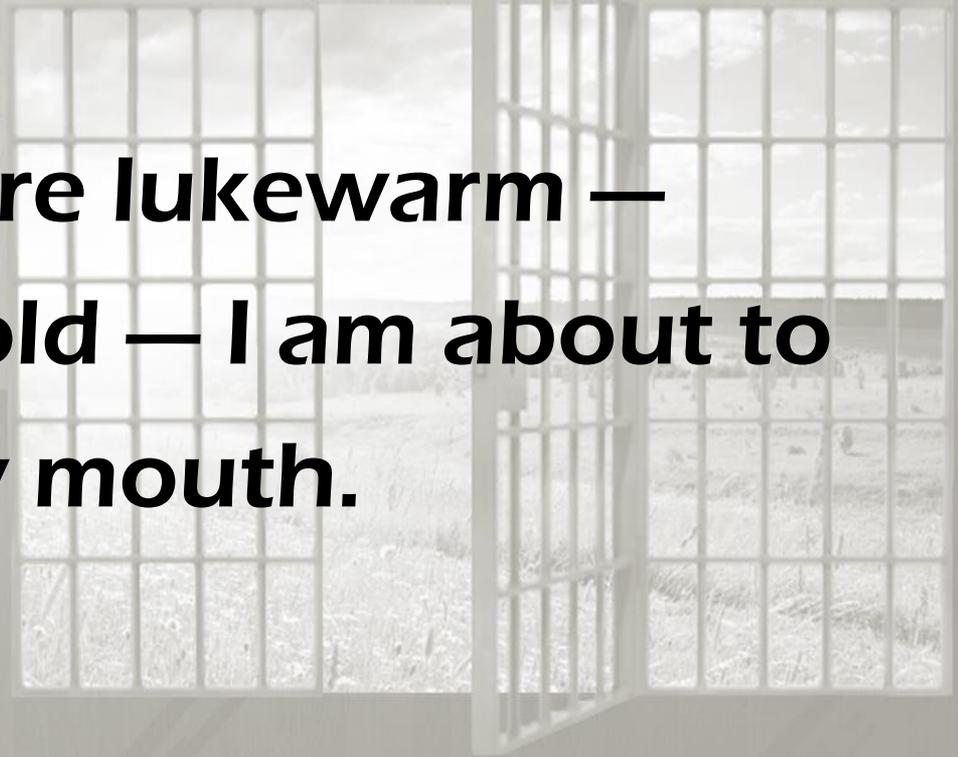
**“To the angel of the church in
Laodicea write:**

**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.**

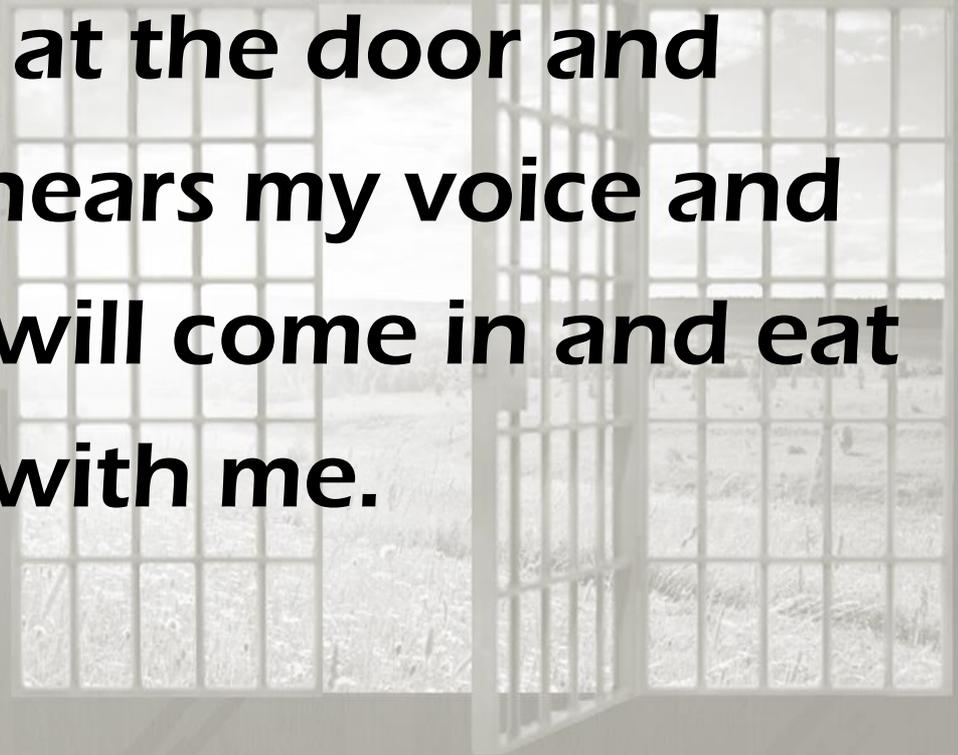


I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.



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 him, and he with me.



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.

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

Revelation 3:14-22

A spirit of prideful self-sufficiency takes root when we **MAGNIFY** ourselves and **DIMINISH** God.

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A spirit of prideful self-sufficiency will eventually cause our:

PRAYERS to become infrequent and weak.

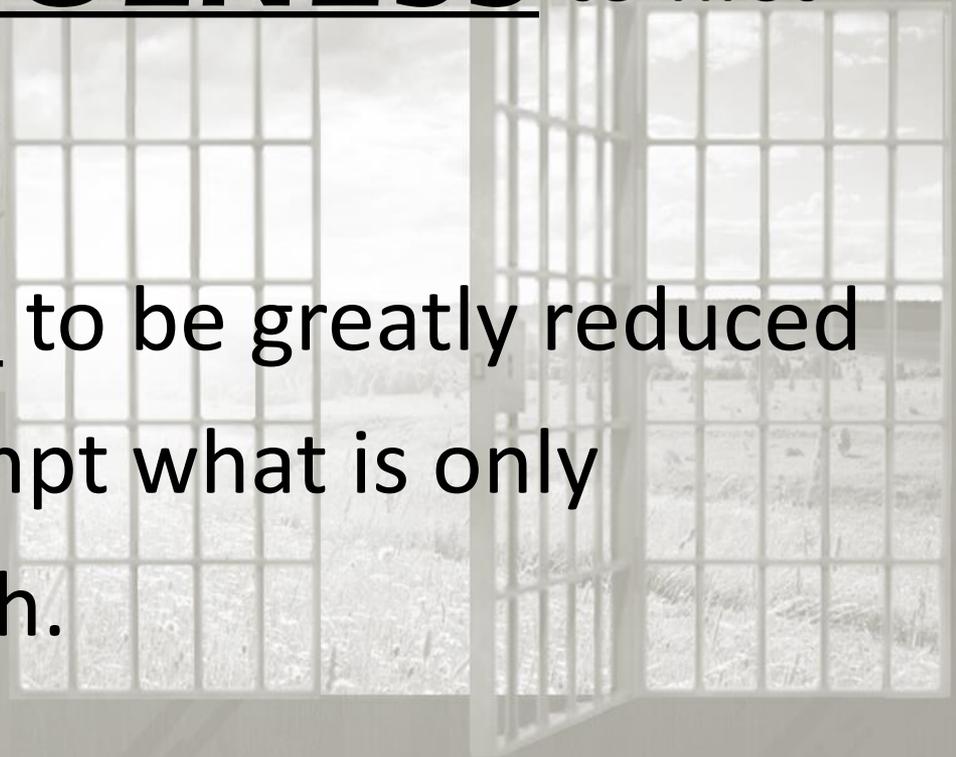
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Awareness of God's **PRESENCE** to
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dissipate.



A spirit of prideful self-sufficiency will eventually cause our:

Spiritual **FRUITFULNESS** to first diminish, then die.

POTENTIAL to be greatly reduced since we won't attempt what is only possible through faith.



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A spirit of prideful self-sufficiency will eventually cause our:

RESOURCES to be limited to the extent of our own capabilities.

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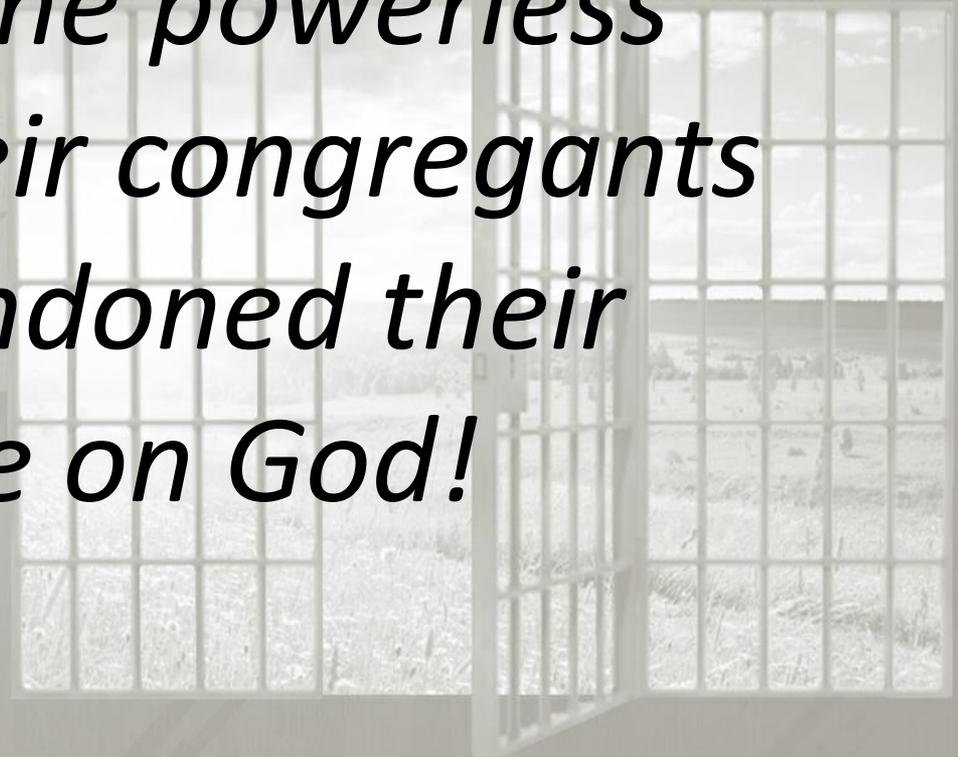
A spirit of prideful self-sufficiency will always lead to spiritual **APATHY** and **BLINDNESS**.

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*Many American churches
have become powerless
places as their congregants
have abandoned their
reliance on God!*

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Jesus said that these words were how the Laodiceans described themselves:

I am rich — they saw this as their present

CONDITION.

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I have acquired wealth — they saw this as

their past **ACCOMPLISHMENT.**

Jesus said that these words were how the Laodiceans described themselves:

I do not need a thing — they saw this as why they were justified in their

APATHY.

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Jesus saw the Laodiceans somewhat differently than they saw themselves. He said they were:

WRETCHED — they were miserable and unhappy!

PITIFUL — their lives were a complete mess!

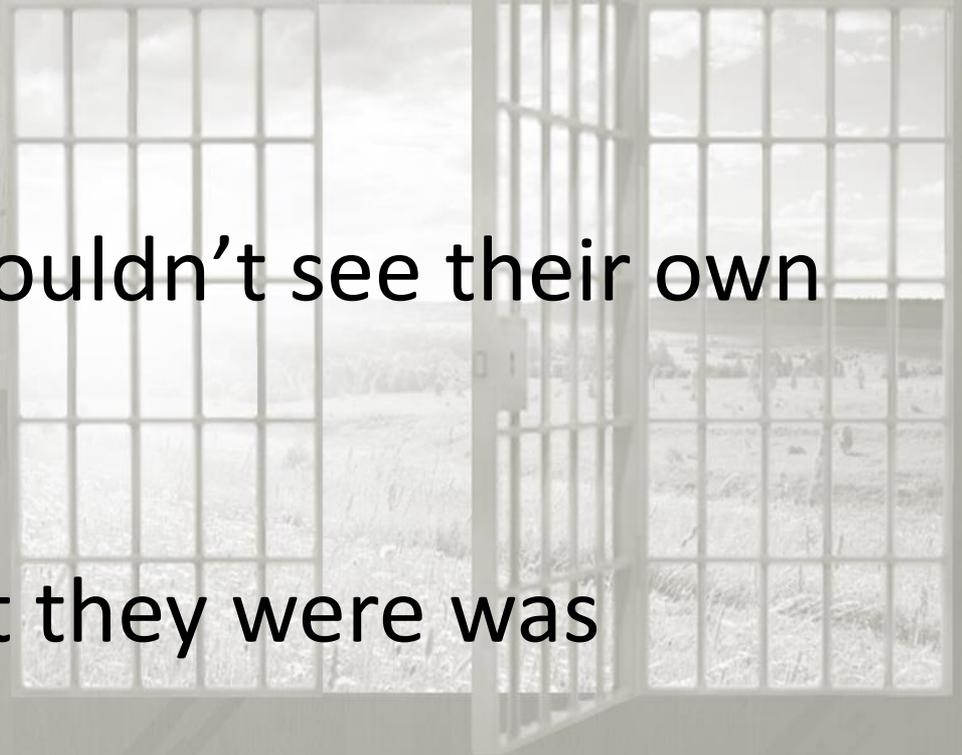


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POOR — they lacked emotional and spiritual resources!

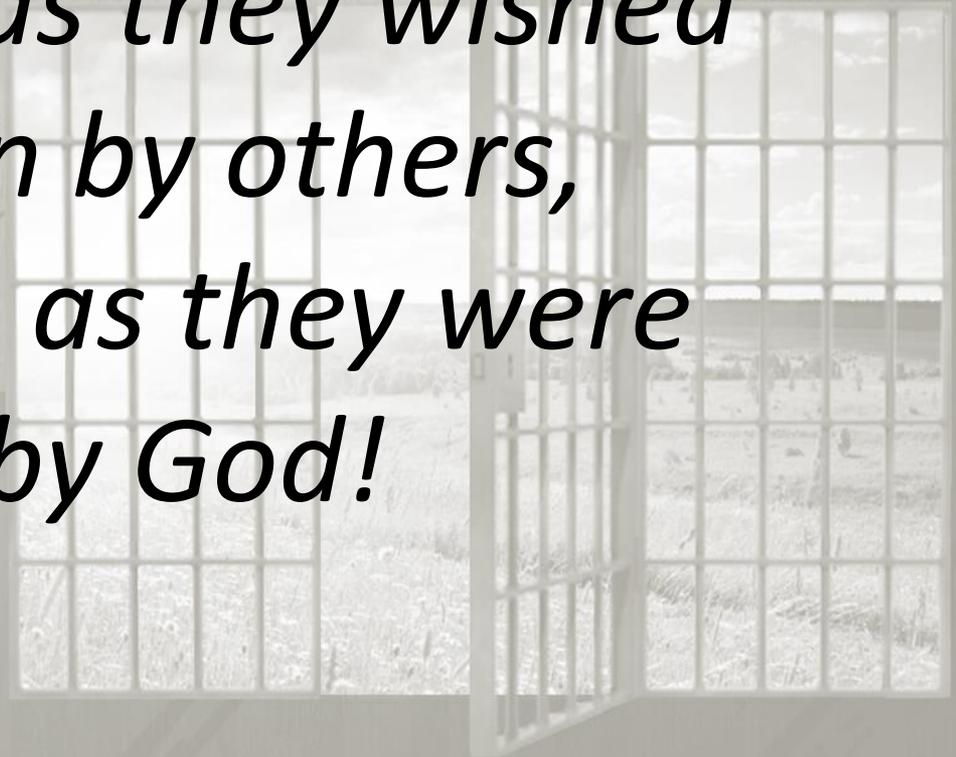
BLIND — they couldn't see their own reality!

NAKED — what they were was apparent to others!



*The Laodiceans saw
themselves as they wished
to be seen by others,
rather than as they were
seen by God!*

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Conclusion:

Is our pride doing
the same things to us?

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