**These Perilous Times**

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**“Spiritual Complacency”**

Question: Is “spiritual complacency” a Christian characteristic of “God’s” “End-Time” Church? I’m talking about us friends, the so-called “remnant” who claim to be waiting for, and hastening the return our Dear Lord and Savior!

 Apparently so, according to ‘John the beloved’s sobering message from Jesus… “Unto the angel (Greek: Aggelos-messenger) of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and True Witness, the beginning of the creation of God. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spue you out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.’” [[1]](#footnote-1)

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

Complacency defined: “…self-satisfied, mild con-tentment.” [[2]](#footnote-2) “To be very pleasing, quiet satisfaction, contentment…” [[3]](#footnote-3)

 “The message to the church of the Laodiceans is a startling denunciation, and is *applicable to the people of God at the present time*… (Italics supplied).

 What greater deception can come upon human minds than a confidence that they are right, when they are all wrong? The message of the True Witness finds the ***people of God*** in a sad deception, yet honest in that deception. They know not that their condition is deplorable in the sight of God…[[4]](#footnote-4) (Emphasis supplied, See also Christ’s Object Lessons, pp. 193-199).

 While those addressed are flattering themselves that they are in an exalted spiritual condition, the message of the True Witness breaks their security by the startling denunciation of their true situation of spiritual blindness, poverty, and wretchedness…

 I’m very sure that the greatest reason why the ***people of God*** are now found in this state of spiritual blindness is because they will not receive correction.

Many have despised the reproofs and warnings given them. The True Witness condemns the luke- warm condition, *of the people of God*, which gives Satan great power over them in this *waiting and watching time*…” [[5]](#footnote-5) (Emphasis supplied).

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” Rev. 3:19 KJV

“…Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.” NKJV

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.” Matt. 24 :42 NKJV

Amen!

1. Revelation 3:14-17 KJV. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The New Lexicon Webster’s Dictionary, (Encyclopedia Ed.) New York, Lexicon

 Publications Inc., 1989, p. 200. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Webster’s New World Dictionary, (College Ed.) Cleveland & New York, The

 World Publishing Assn., 1964, pp. 298, 299. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. E. G. White. Present Truth and Review and Herald Articles, Vol. 1, 1849-1885,

 pp. 131-135. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Ibid. pp. 131-135. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)