



When To Be Needy
Rev 3:14-22
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The Church in Laodicea (Who it's to):

- It was a fabulously _____ city.
- They prided themselves on independence and _____
- Known for its _____ industry
- Famous for _____ therapy for the eyes.

Characteristic of Christ (Who it's from): (14)

1. The Amen – God of _____ (Is 65:16; 2 Cor 1:20)
2. The Faithful and True Witness (1:5)
3. The source and _____ of God's creation (Col 1:16-18)

Commendation: () None!

Criticism: (15-17) Their self-sufficiency and apathy makes them _____ to Christ.

Hot and Cold:

- Self-Sufficiency destroys _____ and effectiveness!
- **Central Point: To be unaware of our _____ for Christ in everything we do is arrogant, sickening, self-sufficiency.**
- Self-sufficiency _____ us to our true state.

Command / Exhortation: (18-20) - _____ on Christ . . . For everything

1. Stop It! Stop trusting in self, rely on Christ (18)
2. Accept _____ – it is a sign of love (19)
3. Include Christ in the _____ (20)

Conqueror's Promise: (12-13) Sufficiency on Christ leads to reigning with Christ.

Danger signs of self-sufficiency

- Going through a day without asking God for help and wisdom in the situations we face.
- A weak prayer life.
- Spending more of our time thinking about money, things, savings, etc. than we do on how we can serve Christ.
- When we haven't confessed sin yet today.
- Difficulty seeing our own faults or admitting to them. Defensive when confronted.
- A critical spirit – When our first thoughts are focused on the faults and problems in either the character of others or the work of others. Root attitude: "We have it together, our way is best" instead of realizing our own need for Christ.
- An unforgiving Spirit – we haven't seen the depth of our own sin and our absolute neediness before God and haven't experienced the beauty of His grace.
- Over-assertiveness – Feeling like we know the whole situation and have the answer and wisdom that needs to be shared. (lack of humility)
- Difficulty trusting others and letting someone help us.

Christ wants a church that relies on Him and needs Him in every part of life.

Equipping – Memorization:

Rev 3:19 *Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.*