



SPIRITUAL POVERTY

Tuesday | Revelation 3:14-22

John, who wrote Revelation, referred to the people of the church in Laodicea as “lukewarm” because they felt little need for God. They were rich, and lacked little in terms of material things. Because they viewed life through a lens of materialism, they could not see their own spiritual bankruptcy. It’s possible that they viewed God as a servant on hand, ready for them whenever they needed assistance, or maybe they wanted to be counted among the saved. Whatever their motives were to claim the name “Christian”, it seems that their relationship with God lacked passion and depth. They were missing out on the true riches that are found in a life bound intimately with Christ.

There is a range of levels of intimacy that we experience in our relationships-- with our spouses, with family members, with friends, and with acquaintances. If God is no more than an acquaintance of yours, you are living in spiritual poverty. If you seek life outside of a relationship with God, you are living in spiritual poverty. Is it time to work on this relationship, and discover a different path to finding life and living richly?

PRAYER: Father, I invite you to expose me in areas of spiritual poverty, where I seek life apart from you. Bring my thinking in these areas into alignment with yours. Transform me in these areas from the inside out, and draw me ever closer to you.