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Church at Laodicea

Read: Revelation 3:14-22

1. In which ways does the Risen Lord refer indirectly to the background of church at Laodicea in this letter? (see especially v17)
2. The church at Laodicea had, in all probability, become quite “respectable”. Do you think that this can be more of a hindrance than a help to the gospel?
3. Do you find the words of v15-16 disturbing? Why? Do you ever find yourself shocked by the words of Jesus? [give some examples]
4. Jesus seems to imply that it is better to be “cold” than “lukewarm”. In which way might this be true?
5. The members of this church were self-sufficient and independent (v17). In which ways can we be “self-sufficient and independent” in the Christian life? Do you think this is one of our greatest challenges?
6. The reason the Lord spoke so harshly to this church was because of His love (v19). His aim was to heal not hurt. In Prov.27v6 we are told, "Wounds from a friend can be trusted". Do you find it easy to “speak the truth in love” in order to help other Christians (especially, when the truth isn't pleasant)? Do you find it easy to receive “the truth” about yourself from others? Are there are examples that you can share with the group? Any tips?
7. Christ was knocking at the door of the Laodicean church. In which way is he presently knocking at your door? What is his wonderful promise to those who open the door?