

Complacency and Pride

Scripture: **Revelation 3:12-17**

Series: **The Danger & Cure of Complacency**

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Overview

When we hear the word “complacency,” often we associated it with taking someone or something for granted. When it comes to our faith, we associate it with being bored with bible reading, prayer, or worship. Spiritual complacency is not just about being bored with the faith but an indicator of a deeper heart condition—a condition that needs to be adjusted and corrected. It shows a heart of pride that functionally believes that there is no need for dependance upon God. **Only the Gospel and soften the proud heart of complacency.**

Corroborating Texts

Proverbs 3:12; Proverbs 8:22; Ps 131:1; James 4:10; Proverbs 16:19-19; Matthew 23:12; Proverbs 3:34

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Joe gave three symptoms of spiritual complacency: (a) sin is no longer painful to you; (b) you are no longer jealous for God or seek His glory; (c) worship is “boring” to you. are any of these symptoms evident in your life now? Have they been in the past? How has (or does) spiritual complacency affect your reading of Scripture, your prayer life, or gathering together as God’s people?
2. Jesus’ words to the church of Laodicea ring true for us today in the Fox Valley. Read verse 17. Why do we struggle with seeing our condition of being “wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked?” When we don’t see our condition it is often because of pride, what causes us to be so proud and not see ourselves as “the pitiable” ones?
3. Only Jesus is the vendor of grace. Jesus promises to restore us. Despite our lukewarm state, he loves us. Jesus calls us to be zealous and repent. We can only do this if we see the stakes and the danger of not heeding Jesus’ call. What is at stake? What is the danger?
4. Read verse 20. People either run and hide or run and open. How will you respond?
5. What is needed is to foster a lively, growing faith? We can foster this by **reading to hear**, **praying to be changed**, and **gathering to be encouraged**. Which of these three do you need most? Which might you struggle with? In what ways can your community group support you? How can you support others in your group who may struggle as well?