

Sunday Session 2 Bible Study – September 14, 2014

"Proud and Deceived" – (Revelation 3:17)

Read Revelation 3:17 – *"Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and you do not know that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor and blind, and naked."*

LEGO – You say – The suffix shows this is a present active indicative; it's the mood of reality – *"You keep on saying"*; this is an indication of initial advance – then falling away into spiritual ignorance – They keep on saying "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." Their spiritual ignorance prompts our Lord to say *"... and you do not know..."*

OIDA – Perfect active indicative means at a point of time in the past these people became enamored with the blessings of life rather than the One Who Blesses. THIS CAN HAPPEN TO US as well. Even if we are poor, it can be an emphasis on *what we don't have* instead of what we do have. Either way, our eyes move OFF of the Source of blessing – with the same result. Then, WE DO NOT KNOW. We haven't *consolidated our position*, and as a result, have moved from "hot" to "lukewarm". The Lord knows us as we really are.

CONSOLIDATE YOUR POSITION

Revelation 3:17

- I. These believers had been on the mountain peak of the echo-zone, but not long enough to *consolidate their position*. When the Lord poured wealth upon these believers, they couldn't cope with it. They lost track of occupation with Christ (OWC) and capacity for life (CFL).
- II. Moving from "hot" (zestos) they became "lukewarm" (chliaros). What caused the move? Discouragement, frustration, boredom, self-pity, loneliness, jealousy and bitterness. CFL means spiritual food in the soul! Say NO to truth, and REVOLT SWITCHES GET TURNED ON!
- III. When there is money without capacity, then trouble begins. Capacity is the cup. When a person turns negative to truth, the cup is removed, and there is nothing there to properly hold the wealth. Happiness is not found in material possessions.
- IV. Once someone enters a frantic search for happiness, there can be an emotional revolt of the soul. It will manifest itself in different ways, depending upon the trend of that individual's old sin nature (OSN).
- V. The emotional revolt of the soul becomes more intensified. Frustrated souls often turn to religious emotionalism, alcoholism, drug addiction, sex perversion, etc. Good things, bad things, moral things, immoral things, evil things, pleasant things, happy things – all kinds of things – were never designed to solve problems.
- VI. When a person moves to a human solution in any situation he automatically neglects, rejects or is apathetic to God's Word. This condition often starts slowly.
- VII. Deep Scars come as a result of traveling the low road of spiritual indifference. The Lord knows us as we really are.