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Welcome to LATE - L.A.T.E - Living At The End — for we are **late** into the prophetic timeline of earth's history and you and I must know how to live successfully and to be an effective witness for present truth in these perilous times. In this SWM Radio program we use the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy to answer pertinent questions posed to God's remnant people in order to provide the spiritual and physical tools we need for daily living and consecration to God at the end of time.

In each program, we have a Time of the End Feature and a Healthful Living Feature which provides answers to the questions posed and then we recommend some Take Away Tips from our discussions for Living at the End. This is your host Brother Nanton. Let us pray.

TIME OF THE END FEATURE --Overcoming Through Laodicea

Remedy Offered by Laodicean Message Full of Hope

But the counsel of the True Witness does not represent those who are lukewarm as in a hopeless case. There is yet a chance to remedy their state, and the Laodicean message is full of encouragement; for the backslidden church may yet buy the gold of faith and love, may yet have the white robe of the righteousness of Christ. **RH Aug 28, 1894**

The True Witness counsels us to buy of Him gold tried in the fire, white raiment, and eyesalve. ***The gold is faith and love.*** It makes the heart rich; for it has been purged until it is pure, and the more it is tested the more brilliant is its luster. T

The white raiment is purity of character, the righteousness of Christ imparted to the sinner. This is indeed a garment of heavenly texture, that can be bought only of Christ for a life of willing obedience.

The eyesalve is that wisdom and grace which enables us to discern between the evil and the good, and to detect sin under any guise. God has given His Church eyes which He requires then to anoint with wisdom, that they may see clearly; but many would put out the eyes of the church if they could; for they would not have their deeds come to the light, lest they should be reprov'd. The living eyesalve will impart clearness to the understanding. Christ is the depository of all graces. He says: Buy of me. **4T 88-89**

Best People in the World Yet Reprov'd

God loves His people who keep His commandments and reprov's them, not because they are the worst but because they are the best people in the world. **1T 569**

Balance of Reproof of Sin and Love for the Sinner

To hate and reprove sins, and at the same time show pity and tenderness for the sinner is a difficult attainment. There is need of showing Christ like patience and love for the erring, but there is also danger of showing so great toleration for his error that he will look upon himself as undeserving of reproof. **AA 503**

Love and Mercy Win Where Argument and Censure Fail

While logic may fail to move, and argument be powerless to convince, the love of Christ, revealed in personal ministry, may soften the stony heart, so that the seed of truth can take root. **COL 57**

Often the hearts of men will harden under rebuke, but they cannot withstand the love expressed toward them in Christ. **6T 279**

Mild measures, soft answers, and pleasant words are much better fitted to reform and save, than severity and harshness. **4T 65**

Frequently the truth and facts are to be plainly spoken, but this should ever be done with pitying tenderness, not with harshness and severity. **3T 93**

There is greater power in love than was ever found in censure. **GW 95 (Gospel Workers)**

Love Does Not Cover Unconfessed Sin

“You must have charity” is the cry heard everywhere, especially from those who profess sanctification. But true charity is too pure to cover an unconfessed sin. While we are to love the souls for whom Christ died, we are to make no compromise with evil. We are not to unite with the rebellious and call it charity. God requires His people in this age of the world to stand for the right as unflinchingly as did John in in opposition to soul-destroying errors. The Apostle teaches that while we should manifest Christian courtesy, we are authorized to deal in plain terms with sin and sinners; that this is not inconsistent with true charity. **AA 554, 555**

Never Purchase Peace by Compromise

Christ never made peace by anything like compromise. The hearts of God’s servants will overflow with love and sympathy for the erring but they will have no soft words for sin. **EV 368**

Healthful Living Feature – Effects of Meat Eating

Base Passions Strengthened by Meat Eating

Meat should not be placed before our children. Its influence is to excite and strengthen the lower passions, and has a tendency to deaden the moral powers. **CD 386, 388**

Disposition Affected by Meat Eating

In order to modify the disposition, God removed from them [Israel in the desert] the flesh of dead animals. **1BC 1112-1113**

Students Intellect Diminished by Meat Eating

We are composed of what we eat, and eating much flesh will diminish intellectual activity. Students would accomplish more in their studies if they never tasted meat. When the animal part of the human agent is strengthened by meat eating, the intellectual powers diminish proportionately. **CD 389**

Religious Life More Successful Without Meat

A religious life can be more successfully gained and maintained if meat is discarded. **CD 389**

Meat Eating Involves Cruelty to Animals

Think of the cruelty animals that meat eating involves, and its effect on those who inflict and those who behold it. How it destroys the tenderness with which we should regard these creatures of God. **CD 383**

Meat Eaters Get Careless in Other Phases of Truth

Those who are in a position where it is possible to secure a vegetarian diet, but who choose to follow their own preferences, will gradually grow careless of the instruction the Lord has given regarding other phases of present truth, and will lose their perception of what is truth. **CD 403. CD 385**

Many Meat Eaters Will Leave the Truth

Many who are now only half converted on the question of meat eating will go from God’s people to walk no more with them. **CD 382**

No Confidence in Ministers Who Eat Meat

Can we possibly have confidence in ministers who at tables where flesh is served join with others in eating it. **CD 402**

Questions

- 1 What encouragement is offered by the Laodicean message?
Answer: That the church recognize its deplorable state in the sight of God and buy of Christ gold, white raiment and eyesalve.
- 2 What are the spiritual meaning of these three things?
Answer: Gold = faith and love that purges the heart until it is pure, tests it until it shines and enriches it in the ways of God; White Raiment = the purity of character imparted by Christ purchased by willing obedience; Eyesalve = Wisdom and grace to discern good from evil.
- 3 Why does God reprove Laodiceans?
Answer: Because He wants them to be saved; He wants us to be the best and not the worst.
- 4 The Laodicean message requires reproof of sin in the church and standing firmly for truth. How is this to be done?
Answer: By balancing reproof of sin with love of the sinner; remembering that love and mercy win where argument and censure fail.
- 5 What must go hand in hand with love and mercy?
Answer: there must be no compromise with evil. We are not to unite with rebellion and call it love. We must stand for the right as unflinchingly as John did in opposition to soul destroying errors.
- 6 What is strengthened and what is diminished by meat eating?
Answer: When the animal part of the human agent is strengthened by meat eating the intellectual powers diminish proportionately.
- 7 What is said of God's people who choose an animal diet when a vegetarian one is available?
Answer: They will lose their perception of truth and will no longer walk with the people of God.

Take Away Tips

- The Laodicean message offers us hope and instruction for overcoming sin in our lives and in the church
- While we must never compromise with evil we must always balance reproof of sin with love for the sinner
- Never purchase peace by compromise with sin
- Meat eating strengthens our base passions, diminishes our intellectual powers, weakens our perception of truth, and can cause us to walk no more with the people of God.