

# WHAT CHURCHES REALLY NEED

*LETTERS FROM JESUS TO SEVEN CHURCHES*

*Scripture Reading*

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REVELATION 2:1–7

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REVELATION 3:14–22

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*REVELATION 2–3*

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“There is no success apart from loving God.... What appears at first glance to be success, is not necessarily success in God’s economy.... It is possible to pastor a huge church and not love God. It is possible to design and preside over perfectly conceived and executed worship services and not love God. It is possible to preach insightful, biblical, Christ-exalting sermons and not love God. It is even possible to write books that deepen others’ love for God and not love God. The truth is, it is more than just possible. For to our great sorrow, it is happening all too often.”

— *Kent Hughes*, *Liberating Ministry from the Success Syndrome*

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## *REVELATION 2–3*

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1. Tri-County, let's repent of increasing lovelessness (Revelation 2:1–7).
2. Tri-County, let's repent of increasing lukewarmness (Revelation 3:14–22).

“For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.”

— *Revelation 3:17–19*