Staying Power (Revelation 3:18)

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INTRODUCTION

- I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire.
- The word staying power means the capacity for continuing. You need to develop the capacity for continuing without weakening.
- The problem that people experience, like the problem in Laodicea, is that people's vision becomes impaired.

1 God's Nearness

James 1:18; Psalm 73:28

- The one thing that I think stands at the top of the list that people fail to see properly is God's nearness.
- If you are in Christ, we must not question his nearness on the basis of present miseries.
- But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. But as for me, the nearness of God is my good.
- Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. The Lord is near.

2 The Personal and Severe Assault of the Devil

1 Peter 4:12; 1 Peter 4:18–19; James 4:7

- They struggle to see the spiritual adversary who is also creating some of life's miseries, the personal and severe assault of the devil.
- I think sometimes we do not realize that the devil's attacks are designed to discourage us.
- Understand that we have a very real adversary who's determined to destroy us.

3 Life's Brevity

- Sometimes people have vision impairment when it comes to life's brevity.
- It just makes little sense to throw faith away.
- Remember how brief our time here really is.

4 Sin Is Empty; the Soul's Value

1 Peter 4:14

- Some people lose sight of the fact that sin is empty.
- Whatever the sin or practice is, it will never pay off what it promises.
- We lose sight of the soul's value.
- When I decide to go my own way and do my own thing and neglect the Lord's ways, I have decided that not only is my soul not worth it, but your soul isn't worth it.

5 Worship's Lifting

Psalm 33:1; Psalm 33:18; Psalm 34:18

- Sometimes people lose sight of worship's lifting.
- This is fuel for my tank. This is a mind mender here. This is a spirit enhancer. This is a vision fixer for me.
- The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- God is near. God cares. God will see us through to the end.

6 Take Your Eyes Off Glory

- People start getting blown around by the winds because they take their eyes off glory.
- We cannot even remotely fathom the depths of joy that will emanate from the presence of our God in eternity.
- Stay focused on these things so that we will have the staying power that we need.

THE CHALLENGE

Enlist, resist, and persist. All the way to heaven's throne.

MY NOTES