

# The Danger of Becoming a Good Church

Revelation 3:14-22

What are the dangers of becoming a good church?

1) If not careful we will  
become a compromising  
Church: v.15-16

“The Laodicean church was a half-hearted church. Perhaps none of the seven letters is more appropriate to the twentieth-century church than this. It describes vividly the respectable, sentimental, nominal, skin deep religiosity which is so wide spread among us today. Our Christianity is flabby and anemic. We appear to have taken a lukewarm bath of religion.” (Stott)

2) Compromising leads to  
a deceived church: v.17

3) The church then  
becomes A power-less  
church: v.17

The deceived church seeks its power through:

a) Fundamentalism:

b) Exclusivism:

- c) Ritualism:
- d) Rationalism:
- e) Socialism:
- f) Ecumenicalism:
- g) Materialism:



4) They were a Christ-less  
Church: v.20

5) Christ's counsel to the  
Church:

- a) Buy gold refined by fire so that they might become rich.
- b) Buy white garments so that they might clothe themselves, and that the shame of their nakedness would not be revealed. This symbolizes the righteous deeds that always accompany genuine saving faith.

- c) Anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.
- d) The Lord offers them an opportunity to repent: v.19
- e) Open the door: v.20