



*knock-knock*

Jan-George Blignaut

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### *who's there?*

<sup>14</sup> "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

*The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:*

<sup>15</sup> 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup> So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind

Knock-knock...

*and naked*  
Revelation 3:15-20 (NASB)

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### *who's there?*

<sup>18</sup> I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. <sup>21</sup> He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit

Knock-knock...

*says to the churches*  
Revelation 3:18-22 (NASB)

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*first things first*

*"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ...*

*<sup>2</sup> 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;<sup>3</sup> and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. <sup>5</sup> Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent,*

Knock-knock... Revelation 2:1-5 (NASB)

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*first love  
wholeheartedly*

*<sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.*

Knock-knock... Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

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*<sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

Knock-knock... Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)

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*by grace through faith  
then works follow*

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Knock-knock...

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NASB)

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*first at home  
wholeheartedly*

It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. <sup>2</sup> An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. <sup>4</sup> He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity <sup>5</sup> (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?).

Knock-knock...

1 Timothy 3:1-5 (NASB)

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*Conclusion*

*Are you dining with God?*

*Is Jesus your first love?  
What potentially is distracting you  
or taken the place of first love?*

*What 'works' has He prepared  
in advance for you to do?  
Do you live that out at home first?*

Knock-knock...

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