

From Our Father's Heart
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Some of My people have tired of the way that I do things.
They have become hardened to the crucified life
and have decided to live most of their lives for themselves rather than for others.
That means that they have stopped living only for Me.
They have redefined My true Gospel.
In their folly, they no longer take correction from their peers.
They have become thinned-skinned one to another.
Everyone feels that they hear from Me.
Few are really hearing what I am saying.
They make up their own gospel
that allows them to remain deceived about their cold love for Me.
Soon they will harden their hearts to even the strongest Word when I call to them.
They will tire of all correction and seek only comforting words,
words that make them useless to My desire that none should perish.
That is a very great falling away.
I weep as I see even some of My most loyal children succumbing to weariness
and dullness of hearing, rather than turning and running into My presence.
Soon they will feel that they have need of nothing and deserve everything.
They will feel that they are fine in their form of religion.
All passion for My ways will be gone.
It is a very dangerous place to be.
This day I ask you to check your heart.
How far are you living from the way that Jesus lived?
Any path that leads away from that standard is a path away from Me.
Turn from it now before you become poor, blind, and naked!

Jeremiah 2:13 NIV "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken Me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

Jeremiah 9:6-7 AMP Your habitation is in the midst of deceit [oppression upon oppression and deceit upon deceit]; through deceit they refuse to know *and* understand Me, says the Lord.

7) Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will melt them [by the process of affliction to remove the dross] and test them, for how else should I deal with the daughter of My people?

Jeremiah 15:19 AMP Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah]: If you return [and give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair], then I will give you again a settled place of quiet *and* safety, and you will be My minister; and if you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your own heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God's faithfulness], you shall be My mouthpiece...

Rev. 3:15-18 NIV "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

16) So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

17) You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

18) I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see."

If we are on a path to destruction, we tire of hearing correction. It is a matter of heart. A full hardening of our hearts does not mean that we visibly turn from God; it means we stop heeding His warnings. We even feel little need to repent of the differences between our lives and the life of Jesus.

Take this day's message. If you do not go to God with fear and trembling to have Him search your heart, if you feel that you could never succumb to a falling away, if you feel that the message is for others and not for you, you are on dangerous ground.

Soft hearts toward God heed every opportunity to check themselves for any hint of offense against God. They check their lives against the plumb line of God's Word and Jesus' heart. To not do so continually, at every opportunity, is the path to needing nothing - first from others who care and eventually even from God. That's a really big oops!

Soften my heart, Lord – Jim Corbett