

## Monday Morning Rewind – September 25, 2006

It's Monday morning—*duh!* This past Sabbath we visited Lao-*duh*-cea and looked at some of the reasons this church doesn't *do* anything about it's obvious problems. Denial, inertia, fear of change, apathy, ego, and shallow thinking were on the list. Which of these do you most identify with when it comes to making spiritual changes in your life?

I know this isn't necessarily a fun exercise, but I want to encourage you to spend some time thinking about the "duh" things—those obvious, right-in-front-of-your-face things that you know full well are sapping the life out of your connection to God, resulting in lukewarm Christianity. Think them through, maybe even write them down, then ask God for the passion and strength to make the appropriate changes ("Be earnest and repent" – Rev. 3:19).

Rewind to Rev. 3:14-22, and remember, God loves Lao-*duh*-cea! This Monday morning Jesus stands at the door and is knocking. The *duh* thing is to open it and let Him in! You know what to do. So do I.

--Pastor Randy

p.s. I asked you last week to pray for the elders at our retreat. Thank you for those prayers. It was evident that God answered because we had a wonderful time of fellowship and felt His hand guiding our thoughts the whole weekend. We will soon be sharing the goals we agreed to pursue in the coming year with you. Also pray for Suzette and I as we drive to Portland tomorrow to attend the Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention. We'll be there all week. Pray for traveling mercies there and back, and that we'll get some much-needed R&R along with tools and inspiration for ministry. We love you all. Blessings.