

“Beating Spiritual Lukewarmness”

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Revelation 3:15-16

3:14 ¶ And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

1. LUKEWARMNESS DEFINED

- a. There seems to be a lukewarm spirit that is in the air.
- b. Lukewarmness is defined as: - _____
- c. In a nearby city, _____, there was hot springs that was often used for medicinal purposes.
 - i. When the water was _____
 - ii. When someone _____ drank it when it was lukewarm, they got _____.

2. LUKEWARMNESS IDENTIFIED

- a. **Characteristics of spiritual lukewarmness.**
 - i. You seldom read the _____ outside of church.
 - ii. Your prayers can be best described as _____ rather than open and consistent communication _____.
 - iii. Corporate worship is _____. You mix it in when it doesn’t interfere with anything else.
 - iv. Corporate worship is _____ and _____. It’s a place to see friends, share your frustrations about politics, and maybe even schedule a business meeting or two.
 - v. Your _____ is more about form and tradition than it is about a relationship with the living God.
 - vi. Your _____ is really not different from those that are in the world.

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- vii. You believe in God, _____.
- viii. You are there for _____ and _____, but that's about it.
- ix. You say that you are a _____, but it has little or no impact on the way you live.
Ref. Matthew 5:13-16
- x. You rarely or never share your _____. *Ref. Revelation 12:11*
- xi. You want to know Christ just enough to save you from _____, but not enough to change your _____.

3. LUKEWARMNESS EXTERMINATED

- a. _____ your _____ to the Lord and ask for His forgiveness.
- b. Turn up the _____.
- c. Spend time daily in _____. *Ref. Romans 10:17 & II Timothy 2:15*
- d. Learn to _____ with Him as your best friend.
- e. Be an engaged worshipper with a _____ and _____ personal relationship.
- f. Let your _____ in such a way that people will see your _____ and glorify your _____.
- g. That's the person Jesus is looking for!

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