

Lukewarm Christians

Revelation 3:14-16

For a lot of people, their goals of American Christianity are often a nice marriage, children who don't swear, and good church attendance. The words of Christ are rarely taken literally and seriously. That's for the "radicals" who are "unbalanced" and who go "overboard." Most of us want a balanced life that we can control, that is safe, and that does not involve suffering.

Would you describe yourself as totally in love with Jesus Christ or do the words halfhearted, lukewarm, and partially committed fit better? The Word of God tells us to test ourselves. Below is what lukewarm people can look like. As we go through these, I encourage you to take an honest look at your life and walk with Christ. Think about who you are now and how you are living today, not who you want to be one of these days.

1. Lukewarm Christians _____.

- It's what is expected of them. It's what "good Christians" do (Isaiah 29:13).

Reasons you go:

Reasons you don't go:

2. Lukewarm Christians _____ as long as it does not hinder their expectation of living.

- Being safe and responsible
- Example: David and Ornan in 1 Chronicles 21
- Example: The widow that kept back the least in Luke 21:1-4

3. Lukewarm Christians tend to choose what is _____ over what is _____.

- It's a great priority to them to fit in wherever they find themselves (church or in the world).
- They care more about what others think of their actions than what God thinks of their hearts.
- Matthew 23:5-7; Luke 6:26; Church of Sardis in Revelation 3:1

4. Lukewarm Christians don't really want to be saved from their _____ but rather to be saved from the _____ of their sin.

- They don't truly hate sin or are sorry for it; but fear that God is going to punish them.
- They don't really believe that the life that comes from knowing Christ is any better than their old one.
- Heaven, Joy, Peace and Contentment Promise- John 10:10; 1 John 1:7; Phil. 4:4-13

