

Lukewarm Christians (part two)

Revelation 3:14-16

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 Christians 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. Here are the three points we looked at last week.

1. Lukewarm Christians attend church fairly regularly.
2. Lukewarm Christians give as long as it does not hinder their expectation of living.
3. Lukewarm Christians tend to choose what is popular over what is right.

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

5. Lukewarm Christians are moved by the stories about people who do radical things for Christ, yet they _____.
 - They assume such action is for "extreme" Christians, not average ones.
 - Lukewarm Christians call "radical" what Jesus expected of all His followers. James 1:22; 4:17
 - Saul's disobedience – 1 Samuel 15:22-23
 - The two sons – Matthew 21:28-31

6. Lukewarm Christians rarely share their _____ with their neighbors, coworkers or friends.
 - They don't want to be rejected, not do they want to make people uncomfortable by talking about private issues like religion.
 - It's either showing or it is hid. 2 Corinthians 4:3-7, Matthew 10:32-33
 - "If your faith isn't touching others, it hasn't touched you." - unknown

7. Lukewarm Christians gauge their _____ by comparing themselves to the secular world.
 - They feel satisfied that while they aren't as hard-core as so-and-so, they are nowhere as horrible as the guy down the street.
 - The Pharisee's prayer - Luke 18:11-12

