



## Laodicea: Neither Hot nor Cold Revelation 3:14-22

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**Big Idea:** God will not “stomach” lukewarm Christians or churches. He refuses to bless those who live like he is no big deal.

### Revelation 3:14-16 ESV

**14** "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. **15** "'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! **16** So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

### Diagnosis: You are lukewarm if...

*You treat God like you can take him or leave him. (15-16)*

*You believe that you are self-made and self-sufficient. (17)*

*You can't see your poor spiritual condition. (17)*

### Remedy: You can be on fire for God if you... (18)

*Seek to be rich in wealth that will last.*

*Seek holiness so that one day you will not be exposed.*

*Seek to see clearly what God wants and what's at stake.*

**Jesus' Challenge:** (19) Be zealous and repent!

**Jesus' Invitation:** (20) He desires to fellowship with you!



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**BIG IDEA**

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*THE SEVEN CHURCHES*



**YOU ARE LUKEWARM IF...**



**By their fruit you will recognize them.  
Do people pick grapes from  
thornbushes, or figs from thistles?  
Likewise every good tree bears good  
fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.**

**MATTHEW 7:16-17**

**A good tree cannot bear bad fruit,  
and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.  
Every tree that does not bear good  
fruit is cut down and thrown into the  
fire. Thus, by their fruit you will  
recognize them.**

**MATTHEW 7:18-20**

**You believe that you are  
self-made and self-sufficient.**

(17)

**You can't see your poor  
spiritual condition.**

(17)

**REMEDY: You can be  
on fire for God if you...**

(18)

Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.

REVELATION 3:19

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

REVELATION 3:20

**THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**