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MAKE A STAND

The church at Laodicea was called lukewarm because it was neither hot nor cold. It didn't make a stand for truth or against the truth. It was just a social club.

There are many churches today that preach messages that "tickle" the ears. We are warned about this in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 where it says, ***"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables."***

The apostle Paul warned Timothy that the day would come when "biblical doctrine" would be thrown out and "feel good" ear itching messages would be preached. These kinds of messages talk only about a loving God that would never send anyone to hell. Their messages do not stretch ones faith causing the hearer to make a stand for truth.

I was raised in that kind of church. There was very little preached that changed my life until a new pastor came. He was a spirit-filled Presbyterian, and when he preached there was something different. I felt like I was walking with Jesus. I thank the Lord for the challenges this Pastor preached from the pulpit. Later in my life some of the things he taught came back and caused me to take a stand.

Is the church you go to causing your faith to be stretched? Do the messages step on your toes and make you realize that some things in your life need to change? Does the message preached cause you to make a stand for righteousness, and shun sin? If not, then you are in a "feel good" church. It might be time to leave that church and find a church that stretches your faith and causes you to "make a stand" for truth.