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LUKEWARM

In the book of Revelation, we see in chapter 3 the message to the Church at Laodicea. They had everything going for them in the natural sense. They were rich because that area produced a clay that was used as eye salve. They wore the finest clothes and lived extravagantly. If you looked at them from the world's point of view you would say, "They have arrived. They have everything going for them."

Jesus spoke to John and told him to give a message to that church. That message found in Revelation 3:15-16 was, ***"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot 16 So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue [vomit] thee out of my mouth."***

The Church at Laodicean was religious but had no relationship with the Lord. We see that in verse 20 where Jesus is knocking on the door of the church. This means he was on the outside and not the inside. Verse 19 tells us, ***"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent."*** Jesus loved the church at Laodicea, but they had shut him out.

There are signs when a person has become lukewarm in their relationship with God. They are:

- You think you are secure in your self-righteous works.
- You think giving your money will save you.
- You think you have arrived and do not need to learn anything new.
- You have little desire for true spiritual things.
- You spend little time if any reading the scriptures.
- You look down on others that do not have as much as you have.
- You criticize others but do not search your own heart for sin.
- Church is not a priority – you go only if you "feel" like it.
- Repentance is not in your vocabulary.

These are all symptoms of being backslidden, and lukewarm in your walk. The way out of this? Acknowledge your sin, confess your sin to God, repent, and be determined to do what God calls right.

Being lukewarm is a dangerous place to be my friend. Avoid it at all costs.