

## Laodicea - The Church That Makes God Want To Puke



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### What do I learn from the church in Laodicea?

#### 1- My spiritual temperature matters to God.

*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*

**Revelation 3:15-16 (NIV)**

*Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.*

**Matthew 5:13 (MSG)**

#### 2- I can control my spiritual temperature for God.

*Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.*

**Revelation 3:19 (NIV)**

- **Be earnest** (Zelos)...Greek root word, Zeo - 'to bring to a boil.'

*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

**Romans 12:11 (NIV)**

### Three steps to get back my spiritual fervor:

#### Step #1- I address what lowers my spiritual temperature.

- **Aging:** Ecclesiastes 12:1-5, Psalm 92:11-14, Joshua 14:11
- **Guilt & Shame:** Psalm 38:10
- **Fatigue:** Proverbs 30:1
- **Discouragement:** Psalms 88:9
- **The false security of affluence:** Proverbs 18:11, Duet. 8

*You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.*

**Revelation 3:17 (NIV)**

#### Step #2- I come to Jesus to get what I need.

*A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.*

**John 10:10 (MSG)**

*I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.*

**Revelation 3:18 (NIV)**

- My currency is **ME**.

*Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. <sup>2</sup> Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. <sup>3</sup> Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.*

**Isaiah 55:1-3 (NIV)**

#### Step #3- I rededicate my life to Jesus Christ.

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*

**Revelation 3:20 (NIV)**

*Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.*

**Luke 12:21 (NLT)**



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