

Postage Due

Revelation 3:14-22 / Laodicea

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: ¹⁵I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. ¹⁶So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, ¹⁸I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
Revelation 3:14-22 (New American Standard Bible)

How do we become lukewarm in our faith and what solutions does this passage provide?

➤ We Can Lose Our **Vitality** (Revelation 3:16-17)

'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.' Revelation 3:16 (NASB)

- **Lukewarm** = "without enthusiasm; critical without compassion"

God's Word calls us to be "fervent" in:

- **Spirit** (Romans 12:11)
- **Prayer** (Colossians 4:12; 1 Thessalonians 3:10, 5:17)
- **Love** (Ephesians)

Solution: Come to the source of ALL power – the Holy Spirit

" . . . for apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5c (NASB)

➤ We Can Lose Our **Values** (Revelation 3:17-18)

The Spiritual Law of Thermodynamics: We either change the world or the world changes us!

Am I a thermostat or a thermometer?

Solution:

"I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, . . ."
Revelation 3:18a (NASB)

We need to put our **values** to the test.

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, ⁷so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; . . .
1 Peter 1:6-7 (NASB)

➤ We Can Lose Our **Vision** (Revelation 3:18b-22)

. . . and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. ¹⁹Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. ²⁰Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. Revelation 3:18b-20 (NASB)

- **Blind** = near-sighted, with tunnel vision

Solution: Fix your eyes on Jesus to **perfect our faith**

*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set out before us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the **author** and **perfecter** of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
Hebrews 12:1-2 (NASB)

- Renew our Power!
- Put our values to the test!
- Fix our eyes on Jesus!