



7 Churches Laodicea

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We Learned From The Church In:

- Ephesus — that a church can be a working church, standing for the truth, yet if it doesn't have the motivation of love it is not pleasing to God
- Smyrna — that godliness will bring persecution & that a church can be poor physically but rich spiritually
- Pergamos — that we must have truth, stand for the truth and reject those who deny the truth
- Thyatira — that the church must remain pure and reject those who compromise purity
- Sardis – that a church can have a good name yet be dead
- Philadelphia – that a church must use opportunities to reach others
- Laodicea – sometimes our view is not the Lord's view of us



What Is Lukewarmness?

Indifference, lack of feeling for or against anything, apathy, lack of distinction or difference.



What Makes A Lukewarm Church?

- No direction (Lk. 16:8)
- No outreach (1 Thess. 1:8)
- Problems neglected (Rev. 2:20)
- Loveless Unity (1 Cor. 1 & 2)
- Weariness of battle (Gal. 6:9)



What Makes Lukewarm Members?

- Material prosperity (Deut. 6:10-12; Matt. 13:22)
- Ignorance (Hosea 4:6)
 - 1st generation....
 - No real personal faith (Gal. 2:20)
- Worldly attachment
 - Example: Demas (Philemon 24; Col. 2:14; 2 Tim. 4:10)
- Doubt (1 Kgs 18:21)



Why Is It So Bad?

- It holds back the work of the church
- It keeps others from obeying
- It keeps a person from seeing themselves as they are (3:17)
- It causes a person to be lost (3:16-16; Heb. 2:1-3)



What's The Answer?

- As a congregation

- Be active and zealous for the Lord
 - We often allow the indifferent to tear down our work!
- Have a closer fellowship
- Deal with problems as they arise
- Contend for the faith (Jude 3)



What's The Answer?

- As an individual (Rev. 3:18-20)
 - “Buy from me gold that you may be rich” (1 Pet. 1:7)
 - “White garments that you may be clothed” (Rev. 19:8)
 - “Anoint your eyes with eye salve”
 - Clearness of sight (Matt. 6:22; 2 Pet. 1:9-10)
 - Be zealous and repent
 - Repent of their pride and “stir up an inner fire” (2 Tim. 1:6)
 - Open the door to Jesus (Jno. 15:8)