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LUKEWARM IS A TURN OFF!

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"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth." Revelation 3:15-16, NKJV

My mother and my son are very particular about the temperature of the food they eat. You don't want to fool around with mom's coffee for sure. She will ask the waiter to pour hot water in the coffee cup and warm the cup before pouring the coffee in it to maintain the coffee's heat. Food will be sent back to be heated again if she receives it lukewarm. From her standpoint very few restaurants are commended for serving hot food and hot coffee. Her response to this taste preference is, "I'm like my Lord, and I want it hot or cold, not lukewarm." I can hear her now saying, "If it's hot food serve it hot; if it is cold items serve it cold." It is so funny because she can be chilly in her body but will add ice to her cup to make sure the water she drinks is very cold. I'm not quite that picky. As long as my food seems warm I'm okay. I prefer to drink lukewarm water not cold. At restaurants I order water with no ice and lemon. Lukewarm turns my mom off! Likewise, lukewarm living in the kingdom does not move God at all.

It is so easy these days to be a lukewarm Christian. I would describe a lukewarm Christian as one who has lost their passion for serving the Lord. Overall, the lukewarm Christian may not be doing any obvious things wrong, but their heart is indifferent about their relationship with Christ. Church attendance is irregular, giving tithes and offerings is sporadic, reading the word occasionally, if at all, praying is on the run, if at all, and their worldview is a blend of what God says and their opinion.

Primarily the lukewarm Christian is not disturbed by their apathy as it does not appear as though they are living a 'sinful' life. In other words one sees their life as being alright for the most part. Lukewarm Christians are not in a safe place as they are not operating with a clear vision of the mind of God. Their vision is blurred, but they seem to think they see clearly. I can eat lukewarm food and it does not bother me. Lukewarm Christians can live somewhat distant from the Lord and it doesn't bother them.

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