



Checking the Temp

How to Avoid a Falling Out with The Lord-Part 7

1. Don't Be a Spectator Christian (vv. 14-16)

2. Don't Fool Yourself with Financial Security (v. 17)



TAKE THE NEXT STEP..

These questions and daily devotions are provided for mid-week Community Group discussion and personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message. You can also obtain this document in electronic form at www.pacificcoastchurch.org by clicking on the sermon tab. For information on how you can be part of PCC's Community Group Network, please call us at (949) 940-2600 or visit our website.

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." ACTS 2:42

pt. 1

- Read Revelation 3:14-16. Explain what it means to be a hot, cold, or lukewarm Christian.
- How does point #1 relate to "lukewarm" Christianity? How can this easily take place? What is at stake?
- How can point #1 happen to you? Give an example. What is God teaching you about spiritual growth?

pt. 2

- Read Revelation 3:17. Describe the money issue Jesus addressed in Laodicea. How does this highlight point #2?
- Why is this an important message for Orange County churches and Christians today? What is at stake?
- What is God teaching you about any point #2 factors in your life? Be specific. How can you protect yourself?

PERSONAL DAILY DEVOTIONS:

MONDAY – READ REVELATION 3:14-16, JOHN 15:1-10, 2 PETER 1:1-10



- What is a "lukewarm" Christian according to Jesus? How does this relate to "spectator" Christianity?
- How does this compare to being a hot or cold Christian? Why is this important?
- In what way can you subtly fall into this trap? Be specific. What steps is God challenging you to take?

TUESDAY – READ REVELATION 3:14-16, MATTHEW 7:15-27, 25:14-30



- Explain how the parable of the talents relates to the church at Laodicea.
- How do you see this same deception taking place in Christianity today? Give examples.
- Take time to pray, asking God to reveal any way you've been a spectator Christian. Journal the results.

WEDNESDAY - READ REVELATION 3:14-16, ROMANS 12:4-8



- Describe the purpose of spiritual gifts according to Romans 12:4-8. How does this relate to Revelation 3:15-16?
- Why is this important when it comes to measuring spiritual growth? What is at stake? (i.e. Laodicea)
- How are you using your spiritual gifts? What will you do to prevent a personal Laodicea experience?

THURSDAY – READ REVELATION 3:17, LUKE 6:17-26, JOHN 2:12-22



- In what way was the affluent church at Laodicea being deceived by their wealth?
- Why is this an important message for Orange County churches and Christians today?
- What is God teaching you about how you measure success? Be specific. How can you be more cautious?

FRIDAY – READ REVELATION 3:17, MATTHEW 19:16-30, 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10



- In what way was the church at Laodicea similar to Pacific Coast Church? Give parallel examples.
- What does this imply about PCC's potential spiritual risk? What biblical steps are necessary for protection?
- Why will money and God always be a challenge? How has this been true for you? Pray about it right now.

SATURDAY – READ REVELATION 3:17, MATTHEW 6:24-34



- What was Jesus addressing in Matthew 6:24-34? How did He help and encourage them?
- What does this imply about your faith in God to provide? How was this the opposite problem at Laodicea?
- What is God teaching you about any Laodicea factors in your life? Be specific.



MEDITATION VERSE:

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Revelation 3:15-16