

# WHAT JESUS SAID TO THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA

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Revelation 3:14-22



## 1. Jesus knew their works

*“I know your works”*

- Judged according to
- Reflection of inner man

## 2. Jesus identified their problems

- Proud and felt self-sufficient

*“Because you say”*

- Ignorant and self-deceived

*“And do not know”*

- Lukewarm and neither cold nor hot

*“Because you are lukewarm”*

- Lukewarm = “moderately warm; tepid”; “not ardent, indifferent”
- Some facets of being lukewarm?
  - Indifferent – “having a neutral or unbiased disposition”
  - Uncommitted
  - Apathetic – “lacking normal feeling or interest”
  - Half-measure, half-way
  - Complacent – “satisfied, especially self-satisfied”
  - Stagnant – “not active, dull”
  - Procrastinating – “to put off from day to day; to defer; postpone”

- **Some facets of being lukewarm?**
  - **Unsacrificial** (sacrifice – “destruction or surrender of some desirable thing in behalf of a higher object, or devotion of it to a claim deemed more pressing; also, the things so devoted or given up”)
  - **Uninvolved**
  - **Bored, in a rut**
  - **Minimalist**
  - **Mediocrity** (mediocre – “moderate to inferior in quality; ordinary”)
  - **Not first in priority**

- Not lukewarm, characterized by:
  - Zeal – “ardor in the pursuit of anything; ardent and active interest; enthusiasm; fervor”
  - Diligence – “earnestness, or sometimes the haste accompanying this”; perseveringly attentive; assiduous; industrious; prosecuted with careful attention, painstaking”
- Sacrifice
- Striving, contending

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3. Jesus gave them the solution

- Buy from Him...

*"I counsel you to buy from Me"*

- Be zealous and repent

*"Therefore be zealous and repent"*