

*Lukewarm People* attend church fairly regularly. It is what is expected of them, what they believe “good Christians” do, so they go.

*Lukewarm People* give money to charity and to the church...as long as it doesn't impinge on their standard of living. If they have a little extra and it is easy and safe to give, they do so. After all, God loves a cheerful giver, right?

*Lukewarm People* don't really want to be saved from their sin; they want only to be saved from the penalty of their sin. They don't genuinely hate sin and aren't truly sorry for it; they're merely sorry because God is going to punish them. Lukewarm people don't really believe that this new life Jesus offers is better than the old sinful one.

*Lukewarm People* are moved by stories about people who do radical things for Christ, yet they do not act. They assume such action is for “extreme” Christians, not average ones. Lukewarm people call “radical” what Jesus expected of all His followers.

*Lukewarm People* rarely share their faith with their neighbors, coworkers, or friends. They do not want to be rejected, nor do they want to make people uncomfortable by talking about private issues like religion.

*Lukewarm People* gauge their morality or “goodness” by comparing themselves to the secular world. They feel satisfied that while they aren't as hard-core for Jesus as so-and-so, they are nowhere as horrible as the guy down the street.

*Lukewarm People* do not live by faith; their lives are structured so they never have to. They don't have to trust God is something unexpected happens—they have their savings account. They don't need God to help them—they have their retirement plan in place. They don't genuinely seek out what life God would have them live—they have life figured and mapped out. They don't depend on God on a daily basis—their refrigerators are full and, for the most part, they are in good health. The truth is, their lives wouldn't look much different if they suddenly stopped believing in God.



## Apathy and Obedience

### Sermon Notes and Takehome

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The church today is concerned about its \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus was passionate about:

- \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the lost.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the hungry.

Reasons for our apathy.

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Misunderstanding of what it means to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Living in two \_\_\_\_\_.

### Revelation 3:14-20

Laodicea was situated between Hieropolis and Colossae

- Hieropolis was known for its \_\_\_\_\_ hot springs.
- Colossae was known for its \_\_\_\_\_ cold water source.

Laodicea was a \_\_\_\_\_ banking and commerce center build on strategic trade routes.

- Its primary problem was that it wasn't built on a \_\_\_\_\_ source.

In this case, hot and cold are both good.

- Hot water is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Cold water is \_\_\_\_\_.

Lukewarm water is good for \_\_\_\_\_.

We're lukewarm when we're apathetic about what \_\_\_\_\_ cares about.

The solution: " \_\_\_\_\_ " to the Kingdom of God.

- We do this through radical \_\_\_\_\_.
  - To the voice of God in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - To our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - To God's \_\_\_\_\_.

### Questions for Reflection:

On the back page are some excerpts from Francis Chan's book, "Crazy Love."

1. As you read carefully through them, which do you feel describes you?
2. Do you agree with what Chan is implying in each of these statements?
3. What Biblical support would you have for disagreeing?
4. How would you describe someone who is "lukewarm?" Does this description fit you?
5. Can you remember a time or a situation where you were "radically obedient?" Describe it. What was the outcome of your obedience?
6. In what areas of your life do you believe you have not or are not being obedient?
7. Why have you not obeyed? What is your rationalization?
8. What would it look like for you to obey?
9. What might God be prompting you to do right now?