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“What’s Your Temperature?”

VIDEO – Hot & Cold

OUR KEY VERSE Proverbs 29:18 **Where there is no vision, the people perish**

EVERYONE ENDS UP SOMEWHERE. BUT FEW PEOPLE END UP SOMEWHERE ON PURPOSE.

WHERE THERE IS NO VISION FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, WE TEND TO DRIFT FROM HIM.

ILL: As a kid, I loved “Goldilocks and the 3 bears.” While the bears were out, Goldilocks ate the bears’ porridge. I never understood that in the story bears and porridge and living in a house. Papa Bear’s porridge was toooo hot and Momma Bear’s toooo cold. But Baby Bear’s was juuusst rigghht.

NOT TO HOT. NOT TOO COLD.

A. JESUS IS NOTHING LIKE GOLDBLOCKS.

1. He said to a group of late first-century Christians.

Revelation 3:15-16 (NIV)

2. CAN YOU TELL GOD’S NOT VERY HAPPY

B. EVERYONE FALLS INTO ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES.

(WRITE ON THE BOARD) You’re either HOT, COLD, or LUKEWARM.

1. **HOT**- Means **YOU’RE GROWING** in your relationship with God.

a. That’s how Paul described the Christians in a Greek city called Thessalonica.

2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

b. Growing closer to God doesn’t just mean more knowledge. It means your heart is expanding for God and for people.

2. **COLD** – Are those who **DON’T KNOW GOD YET**. They don’t have a relationship with Christ. The good news is Jesus was saying that that’s not a bad place to be. Because in a moment of time you can meet God in a personal way. He will meet you where your at.

John 7:28-29 (NIV)

d. **SOME OF YOU IF YOU WERE HONEST YOU MIGHT SAY, “YES I DON’T KNOW GOD IN A PERSONAL WAY”**

1. I’d rather you be HOT and growing for God or COLD with the opportunity to yet know God.

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2. **BUT JESUS SAID, "I hope your not lukewarm" **LUKEWARM**** - This is the category Jesus found so tasteless that He couldn't stomach it. The lukewarm person is one who is drifting along.

Hebrews 2:1 (NIV)

ILL: When I was a little boy my family and I went to Florida on vacation. Dad and I went swimming out in the water. He put me on his shoulders. We were having a great time and not paying attention that we were drifting out. Dad couldn't touch bottom. We started going under. He threw me off his shoulders because he couldn't see us both drowning.

3. **Many people if they were honest with themselves would say they've drifted away from God.** They used to be close and intimate, but they've drifted to a different place. **AWAY FROM GOD. Their lukewarm, "WHERE THERE IS NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH"**
- C. **GOD WANTS US HOT, HOT WITH PASSION FOR HIM, HOT WITH DESIRE TO DO HIS WILL, HOT TO REACH PEOPLE FOR HIM, HOT TO FORGIVE THOSE WHO YOU DON'T LIKE. HOT, HOT, HOT,**
1. If you're feeling that your HOT for GOD and you're trying your best then good for you don't stop doing what your doing.
- D. **THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE COLD BUT DESIRE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD BUT YOU'RE NOT SURE HOW TO GO ABOUT IT.**

I JUST BATED YOU HOOK LINE AND SINKER. WHEN I HELD OF JESUS SIGN EARLIER THERE WAS NO RESPONSE BUT WITH FOOTBALL THERE WAS.

WHEN A PERSON IS COLD FIRST YOU HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU WANT TO SEEK IN LIFE.

THINGS THAT ARE ETERNAL OR JUST FOR A SEASON

Jeremiah 29:13-14 (NIV)

ILL: Tammy liked me for 4 years but I didn't like her like she liked me. Finally when I was ready to like her she told me to take a hike. So for 1 month before she came home from college I wrote her a ziggy card everyday, called her every week, I was seeking a relationship.

1. God doesn't play hard to get but we need to seek after HIM. God wants you to find Him, to seek a relationship with HIM.
- E. **THOSE THAT ARE LUKEWARM AND YOUR PASSION HAS LEFT AND YOU'RE JUST DRIFTING ALONG.**

Revelation 2:4-5 (NIV)

1. **REPENT TO JESUS CHRIST FOR JUST DRIFTING ALONG. JUST THE FACT THE GOD SAYS TO REPENT IS SAYING THAT HE STILL WANTS TO KNOW YOU PERSONALLY AND THEN DO THE THINGS THAT YOU DID BEFORE. WHEN YOU HAD A HOT PASSION FOR GOD.**

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