



THE DOUBLE LIFE

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REVELATION 3:15-16 NKJV – (15) “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. **(16)** So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Many today are living a double life. Claiming Jesus and living their way as if Jesus doesn't see it and that He will excuse it. Deception has never been so greater!

Nothing escapes Jesus' attention. He tells the Laodicean church in this verse that He knows its condition. He says it is neither cold nor hot, although He would prefer that it was one or the other. This condemnation of "lukewarm" faith carries dire consequences. In that era, room-temperature water was dangerous water. Cold water suggested a flowing spring or river, and hot water was something which had been cooked or cleaned. Anything in between was, naturally, suspicious and possibly worthless.

The church in Laodicea was neither fervent nor frigid. It was simply content to maintain a status quo position. It was neither emotionally excited about Christian matters nor coldhearted about them. Another aspect of Jesus' desire that the church be "either hot or cold" relates to how we respond to the gospel. Those who are "hot" in spiritual matters are deeply involved and committed to faith. Those who are cold, however, are at least in a position where they can be deeply impacted by faith—they can be changed. Those who are "lukewarm" have just enough knowledge of Christ that they're not resistant, but lack enough real faith to be fully engaged. That condition, in truth, is harder to change than to convert a fully-cold non-believer!

When Christ said "I will spit you out," in the Bible (**Revelation 3:16**), he was essentially warning against being lukewarm in your faith, meaning neither fully committed nor completely detached, and that if you are not actively devoted to him, he will reject you as if your faith is so distasteful it makes him want to vomit it out; it's a strong metaphor for complete rejection due to a lack of true commitment.

SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES 1:8

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “When our secrets start to control us—and far too often they do—then a normal life clicks over into something else: a secret life.”