

SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. (Revelation 3:15-16)
- I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. (Revelation 3:17)
- Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:20)

READ VERSES 14-16 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. Jesus opens His letter to Laodicea by stating that they are neither cold nor hot, and because they are lukewarm, He will spit them out of His mouth. What does Jesus mean by calling them lukewarm?
2. Why does He threaten such a negative reaction as spitting them out of His mouth?

READ VERSES 17-18 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

3. Here Christ lists how the church of Laodicea saw itself (rich, prosperous, and in need of nothing), but then He offers His view of them (wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked). What problem caused the church to see itself differently than how Jesus saw them?

READ VERSES 19-22 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

4. What actions does Jesus command the church to take in response to the rebukes given?
5. What promises does Christ give to those who repent?

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Living in a prosperous society always leads to the possibility of developing the same sinful independence as the church in Laodicea. After all, it is difficult for the rich to enter the kingdom of God precisely because material wealth often masks spiritual need. Therefore, consider whether you are rich with gold that comes from Christ.
- Prayerfully reflect upon the message to Laodicea, considering any areas of your life where repentance is needed.