

11. Lukewarm People have limits to what they will give.

12. Lukewarm People think about life on earth more than they do eternity in heaven.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Colossians 3:2

13. Lukewarm People care more about themselves than they do the poor.

... 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40

14. Lukewarm People do whatever is necessary to keep them from feeling too guilty.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

1 John 1:9-10

15. Lukewarm People continually play it safe and need to be in control.

16. Lukewarm People think a decision equals a disciple.

17. Lukewarm People do not live by faith: their lives are structured so they never have to.

18. Lukewarm People live just like the rest of the world.

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence."

Matthew 23:25

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What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us . . . For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.

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I. Three Questions And A Few Descriptions Of God.

A. Three Questions About Your View Of God.

- 1. When you think about God, what comes to your mind?**
- 2. Is God an angry and ugly disciplinarian, kind of a bad and sadistic dictator out to hurt people?**
- 3. Who gets to decide what God is really like?**

B. A Few Descriptions Of God.

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

Psalms 115: 3

... He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth . . .

Daniel 4:35

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13

His work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is

burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as escaping through the flames.

1 Corinthians 3:13 – 15

For it is time for judgment to begin, starting with the house of God.

Peter 4:17

A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Matthew 13:3-8

II. 18 Descriptions Of A Lukewarm, Partially Committed, Halfhearted People.

1. Lukewarm People attend church fairly regularly.

The Lord says: These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.

Isaiah 29:13

2. Lukewarm People give money to charity and to the church as long as it doesn't impinge on their standard of living.

King David replied . . . "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the Lord what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing."

1 Chronicles 21:24

3. Lukewarm People tend to be people pleasers instead of God pleasers.

Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

Luke 6:26

4. Lukewarm People don't really want to be saved from their sin; they want only to be saved from the penalty of their sin.

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Romans 6:1 -2

5. Lukewarm People are moved by stories about people who do radical things for Christ, yet they do not live radically themselves.

6. Lukewarm People rarely share the love of Jesus with their neighbors, coworkers, or friends.

Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33

7. Lukewarm People gauge their morality of "goodness" by comparing themselves to the secular world.

The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector.'

Luke 18:11

8. Lukewarm People allow Jesus to be only part of their lives.

9. Lukewarm People do not love God with all of their being.

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and will all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

Matthew 22:37-38

10. Lukewarm People don't love others as much as they love themselves.

. . . but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

