

Introduction:**Text:** Revelation 3:14-22**QUESTIONS:**

1. What causes spiritual lukewarmness?
2. How can we remain hot in our spiritual life, and not become lukewarm?

A. Possible Causes of Lukewarmness

1. Self-sufficiency due to the accumulation of material wealth (v. 17).
2. Self-deception due to the acquisition of mental property.
 - a. Mental property achieved through secular education (Colossians 2:6-8)
 - * The most deceptive philosophies:
 - 1) Philosophical **rationalism**: rejects faith in God's existence as irrational and unprovable because of rejecting God's self-revelation.
 - 2) Philosophical **naturalism**: rejects supernatural miracles like Christ's resurrection from the dead.
 - 3) Philosophical **materialism**: rejects the reality of God who is non-material, and rejects the reality of spiritual life in God.
 - 4) Philosophical **relativism**: rejects the moral absolutes that define what is right and wrong, based on the Bible.
 - * These philosophies represent the core of secular education that breed spiritual lukewarmness, even total departure from faith in God.
 - b. Mental property achieved through scientific invention could also cause spiritual lukewarmness,

EXAMPLES:

INSIGHTS:

B. How to Remain Hot in our Spiritual Life, and not Become Lukewarm

1. Trust in the credibility of Christ (v. 14).

2. Trust in the knowledge of Christ about us (vv. 15-16).
3. Face our self-misunderstanding (v. 17).
4. Acquire from Christ what we need (v. 18).
5. Understand that Christ loves us (v. 19).
6. Welcome Christ into our church and to our hearts (v. 20).
7. Look forward to our elevation to the throne of Christ (v. 21).
8. Open our ears to the voice of the Spirit (v. 22).

Conclusion:**TABLETALK STARTERS**

(For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

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1. Read together **Tough Love** under the Pastor's Corner.
2. Verse 14: Why is Christ credible in what He said to the Laodicean church? Discuss His threefold description of Himself in this verse.
3. Verse 16: How does spiritual lukewarmness show in people's use of their time, energy, and money that could diagnose their spiritual condition?
4. Verses 17-18: Majority of our church members are materially comfortable, upper middle class. For our spiritual self scrutiny, ponder and discuss verses 17-18.
5. Verses 19-20: What is Jesus' tough love telling us to do in these verses? Discuss and apply.
6. Verse 21: How does Jesus' highest reward motivate you to respond to His exhortation in verse 19, if it applies to you?