

7 LETTERS

TO THE CHURCH



Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.

2 Timothy 4v2-4 (CSB)

“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

“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. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

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. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. 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. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Revelation 3v14-22 (ESV)

Jesus wants to wake us up from our self-reliance.

Grace changes us, it doesn't enable us.

Jesus wants to save you from being lukewarm because he loves you.

Behold, blessed is the one whom God reprove; therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty.

Job 5v17

Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD.

Ps 94v12

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov 1v7

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reprove him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Prov 3v11-12

Consider:

1. Reveal to me the areas in which I am lukewarm.
2. Give me strength to repent of the areas of life where I am remaining self-sufficient.
3. Do whatever it takes to move me to a place of being totally in love with you over anything or anyone else.