August 3rd, 2025
-ISH - Week 1

Question: How many have some "ISH" in your life? <u>The suffix "-ish" is used in English to indicate a degree of approximation or a sense of "somewhat" or "kind of".</u>

Today, lots of people identify as Christians—in fact, about one-third of the world! But how many know <u>calling ourselves Christians, and actually following Jesus and His truth, can be two different things?!</u>

<u>I. THE COST OF COMFORT: The Trap of Comfortable Christianity</u>
What does it mean to be Christian-ish? My definition is this, <u>it's having a half-hearted faith, wearing the label of Christianity, without truly following Jesus.</u>

To be Christian-ISH is to embrace a superficial, watered down version of Christianity. <u>It's where you have enough of Jesus that it makes you feel better, but not so much of Jesus that it changes anything in your life!</u>

Revelation 3:15-17,19 NIV

When Jesus said they were Lukewarm, <u>he wasn't just talking about spiritual passion. He was also talking about Spiritual Purpose and Spiritual Impact.</u>

<u>God can't stomach comfortable Christianity. It's not just undesirable to God, it's intolerable, it provokes a visceral reaction.</u>

Question: What if you're Lukewarm, and you didn't realize it? What if you're not fulfilling your God-ordained purpose? You don't even realize it. You don't realize that you're spiritually wretched, pitiful, poor, and blind?

Can I give you a few things to check your Spiritual Temperature?

<u>1.) You might be Lukewarm if you crave acceptance from people more than acceptance from God.</u>

<u>2.) You may be Lukewarm if you rationalize Sin.</u>

<u>3.) You rarely share your faith in Christ.</u>

Revelation 3:19 NIV

One Thing: If you want to grow out of your Christian-ish illusion, self-deception, and truly be a devoted follower of Jesus, what do you do? <u>Do something every day that requires faith.</u>

Hebrews 11:6 NIV

Revelation 3:20 NIV

Lukewarm, it doesn't just grieve God, it robs you from the life that God wants for you, the purpose for which God created you.