



## The Problem with being a Thermometer

The church at Laodicea was in a perfect position to offer life and healing to its community, yet it did not.

Revelation 3:14 (NIV)

*“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:*

*These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation.*

- Jesus is the originator of God’s creation.

Revelation 3:15-17 (NIV)

*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.*

- Jesus has invited us to be fully full of Him.

Colossians 1:27 (NIV)

*To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

- When we reflect the environment and not our source we become unpalatable.

Matthew 5:13 (NIV)

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

Revelation 3:18 (NIV)

*I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.*

Revelation 3:19 (NIV)

*Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.*

- Discipline is loving.

Revelation 3:20 (NIV)

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*

- Jesus desires to dine with us.

Revelation 3:21-22 (NIV)

*To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”*

- Accepting the invitation to dine with the King leads to Kingdom inheritance.