## **Rising Above Lukewarm Christianity**

- A. When Peter came face-to-face with the power of Jesus, it prompted self-examination (Luke 5:1-11).
- B. "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves" (2 Cor 13:5).

<ul><li>C. In Revelation 2:14-22, Jesus diagnosed Christians in Laodicea as "lukewarm."</li><li>D. Our question is a practical one: What does lukewarm Christianity look like? Why is it dangerous?</li></ul>
A Snapshot of a Lukewarm Christian  • Lukewarm Christians love God, but not (Matt 6:24, 33; 22:37-38).
• Lukewarm Christians believe religion is a good and important thing to have in life, but think it should not them (2 Tim 3:1-5; John 2:17).
• Lukewarm Christians settle into a one-sided (2 Tim 4:3-5; Phil 1:9-10; Eph 1:18-23).
• Lukewarm Christians "go to church," but they don't live as people who are "of" (Matt 15:8).
• Lukewarm Christians bring their kids up "in church" but not in(Deut 6:4-9).
• Lukewarm Christians are most often silent about their (Rom 1:16).
• Lukewarm Christians love others in, but in practice do very little for strangers, outcasts, or even their own brethren ( <i>Luke 14:12-14; Matt 22:39-40</i> ).
<ul> <li>Lukewarm Christians enjoy hearing stories about people who live zealously for God, but the stories never inspire real and greater zeal in their own lives (James 1:21-27; Heb 12:1-6).</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Lukewarm Christians have good intentions to participate in good deeds someday, but they don't make the best use of their time or resources and take (Eph 5:15-16; Tit 3:14).</li> </ul>
• Lukewarm Christians lean on their own strength instead of putting their full in God ( <i>Prov</i> 3:5-12; James 2:14-26; Luke 12:16-21).