

Lukewarm checklist

Briefly review the list of statements below and place a checkmark next to any that you feel describe you.

Please know this exercise isn't to make us feel guilty. Let's just take an honest evaluation of where we are today for the purpose of helping us identify areas to focus on and grow. No condemnation, promise?!

- I want to grow in my faith, but usually don't have enough time.
- On the outside I may appear confident, but on the inside I wrestle with insecurity and fear.
- I have a hard time seeing God's hand in my everyday life.
- My prayer life is more pitiful than powerful.
- I hide behind a badge of busyness.
- If you were to look at my debit card statement, I spent more on my wants than others' wellbeing.
- I don't know most of my neighbors' first names.
- I want to make a difference in the world, but don't feel called or equipped.
- If I was really honest, I find my security more in money than in God.
- I spend more time on Facebook and other social media than in God's Book.
- I usually go to church, but don't feel very connected there.
- I often pursue comfort over character.
- I know God loves the world, but sometimes I doubt He loves me.
- I worry more about my appearance than the condition of my heart.
- My time with God is very inconsistent.
- My faith would be described as more "fruitless" than "fruitful."
- I care about world issues like AIDS, sex trafficking and orphans, but don't know how I can make a difference.
- It's easy for me to get caught up in my every day routine, rather than focus on eternal matters.
- I'm not sure how to have a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus.
- I haven't shared my faith with anyone in the past year or more.
- Most days I forget to invite God into my daily activities.
- I am involved with other Christians but only on a surface level. I avoid authentic, true community.
- My life doesn't look much different than most non-believers I know.
- I don't want to pray too boldly in case God doesn't answer my prayers.
- I am not willing to fully pursue God's will because of my fear of what it might cost me.

Based on the answers from the checklist, where would you fit on the lukewarm continuum?

Lukewarm is my Norm

My Faith is Red Hot

What is one thing you can do in the next few days to leave lukewarm living behind and pursue a life of Red Hot Faith?

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." (Romans 12:11-13)