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Kingdom Expansion - Seeking Truth

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. (Revelation. 3:15-16, ESV)

Golfers seek golf instruction because they desire to know the truth about their golf swing. In discovering the truth, they can make the necessary changes to give them more efficient swings and to make them better players.

Over the years as a golf instructor, I have noticed that there are different types of golf students. Today, I will divide them into three types:

The first type is what I will call the 'cold' student. These students are refreshing to teach! They come seeking knowledge and truth and drink it down like a glass of cold water on a hot day. They seek simplicity.

The second group of golf students are 'hot' in their temperature for the game. These types have a natural hunger for truth about their golf swings. They seek regular instruction and want to know every little detail about their swing. These students are always making subtle tweaks to achieve perfection. They also listen well.

The third type of golf student is the toughest because they are neither hot nor cold. They are lukewarm. These students do not care about the truth of their swing. They are perfectly content chasing the little white ball around the course, no matter where it ends up. They have little to no interest in instruction.

This makes me think about what the Lord said to the Laodicean church when they prospered and became content with where they were in their lives. That contentment led to their spiritual temperature becoming lukewarm. Jesus said to them, "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 (Rev. 3:15-16)." Jesus, our Teacher (John 13:13), was frustrated with their lack of zeal and passion for Him.

In this context, Jesus was using the analogy of the temperature of water as a parallel to their spiritual state. The Laodiceans had terrible water. Their water supply had to be provided through pipes from a distant source, and by the time it got to them, it was warm and barely drinkable. In contrast, the neighboring towns of

Hierapolis and Colossae had hot medicinal and cold mountain springs.

As Christians, we should be mindful of taking our spiritual temperatures regularly because it is so easy to get lukewarm! As for the golfer, whether you are a 'cold' or 'hot' type of a student, your goal in golf should be to continually improve and have a zeal for the game. Otherwise, if we are not pursuing truth with zeal, our water temperature may become stagnate and lukewarm like the Laodiceans.

Prayer – Lord, stir our hearts, increase our zeal, and cause our hearts to burn for truth.

READING - Psalm 119:60, Rev. 3:16-17, John 14:6, Psalm 119:142

OPENING QUESTIONS: Do you have a passion and zeal for truth? Discuss?

1. Psalm 119:60 - Where does truth come from? Discuss the importance and impact of God's word on your life..

2. Rev. 3: 16-17 When is the last time you checked your 'spiritual temperature'? Are you hot, cold, or lukewarm?

3. Psalm 119:142 What does this Scripture say about truth? Discuss the significance of God's law on your ethical behavior. On public ethics?
