

Pure Stream

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Purified Motives

- God's wants our hearts pure. *Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.* This does not mean we are perfect but it means our motives are pure. In other words, there is no compromise in us. When we have a pure heart, we have no hidden agenda. This is perfection to God.
- Though we may make mistakes, errors, and bad judgement calls, when our motives are pure, grace and mercy covers us. God knows when we really love him and desire to do his will vs our own. *Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*
- We cannot allow ourselves to get in positions to compromise our faith and accept what is unacceptable. If we truly love God then we must keep our hearts pure toward him. *James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*

Rev. 3:14 ¶ And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Rev. 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Rev. 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Rev. 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Laodiceans

- Laodicea was centrally located only six miles south of Hieropolis and eleven miles west of Colossae. Hieropolis to the north was well known for its many hot springs which provided hot water and Colossae to the east for its fresh springs which provided cold water.

Because Laodicea lacked a natural water supply, it was dependent on its neighbors for this vital resource and therefore drew water from both, as well as from other surrounding sources. By the time the water reached Laodicea, it was "lukewarm", neither "hot" nor "cold". Various diseases and contaminants existed in their water because of the long journey the water had to make to their land.



- Hot water was good for purification, and medicinal purposes. Cold water was refreshing to drink. But lukewarm water was considered nauseous and undrinkable or usable.
- Jesus was comparing the climate of the church at Laodicea to an unpurposeful, or, unpure water supply. This people had prosperity in the natural, but their motives were not pure. *1Tim. 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain.*
- Lukewarm represent compromise. It doesn't mean that hot is good and cold is bad. Both were used for good in the surrounding cities. The mixture of hot and cold was the problem. The mixture denotes compromise between the two and the lukewarm temperature when the 2 were mixed made the water good for nothing.
- This is what we become when we mix with the world and are not a pure stream for God. We must allow the power of God to purify us daily so that we can be a constant flow for Him and not our flesh.

Purification Process:

1. **Remove the idols** - *1Cor. 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. God will not share your life with another god. He will not allow another god before him either. We must be true to the true God of all. Any other god means that you don't have the true God.*
2. **Remove the world** - *1John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life are to be avoided if we want to walk purely. We cannot seek to be affirmed by the world, adhere to the worlds standards, or forward the worlds agenda and keep a pure heart.*
3. **Remove ill intent** - *James 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. To receive from God you must have the right intentions. We cannot use God for an occasion to seem more than we are. We must keep our intentions in line with God's will and purpose for us or we will contaminate the work we are doing for Him.*
4. **Remove our will** - *Rom. 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. How can we even consider ourselves pure unless we are following after the plan God has for us? His way has to be the only way.*
5. **Remove compromise** - *Heb. 3:12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has an evil, unbelieving heart that forsakes the living God. Compromise means to weaken (a reputation or principle) by accepting standards that are lower than is desirable: Compromising for any reason is unacceptable to God. When we try to add to or take away from what God stands for, we weaken our stand for him. We cannot expect to receive anything from Him if we cannot stand up for him no matter what.*

Summary - The Laodecean church was compared to a lukewarm stream that was good for nothing because it had cooled down from it's effective temperatures. This is what we have become as a people . The fire for Christ we once had is a mere pilot light. The passion for the things of God is fast becoming the passion for the things we've always wanted. We must purify our motives and point our desires back to God. We must get



back to being useful to God and not seeking to fulfill our flesh. If we desire to please God, we must give him a pure stream to flow through.

Heb. 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb. 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)