

Pure Stream 2

The Moderate Message

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Children of disobedience

- The lukewarm water of Laodecia was contaminated. Drinking contaminated water contaminates the body. When the body is contaminated, then the offspring will be contaminated too. *Ezek. 18:2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?*
- You give birth to what and who you are. And typically you will draw like minded people to yourself. So, if you look up and realize that you always have drama around you, then you are drawing it! If your friends are carnal then you are carnal. Birds of a feather do flock together.
- You influence by your actions not your words. *1John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.* So, you can talk a good game and preach a good message, but if you are not consistent with your beliefs then your message is not proven. We can't just believe the bible without application. *James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*
- Double standards births double mindedness and without choosing a side, we are useless like lukewarm water. Hot and cold are useful but middle of the road is useless to God. *Rev. 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.* Why even preach a Gospel of no standards?

Softening the blow?

- Is the bible valid? If so, the gospel preachers in it had to have the perfect formula. Paul, Peter, John, Steven, etc. were all killed because they preached as if they were Christ himself. The reason was not because they thought they were, but because they were partakers in the death of Christ and His sufferings. *2Tim. 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

- They shared in his suffering and felt the way he felt about things. So, their message came across harsh and abrasive to the lukewarm folks. *Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.* Hot or cold are extremes and that's the way they shared the Gospel because truth was extreme to them.
- Can we alter their method to get better results? If we take out the heat and remove the ice, so that it will be a comfortable temperature, will that help people to stomach it? NO according to Christ because it's contaminated when it's a moderate temperature. The Gospel message is extreme to our carnal existence and should go against the will of the flesh. *Acts 23:12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.* If it's comfortable, then it's contaminated!
- Should we be concerned about quantity or quality? What is God's concern? God destroyed the existence of man and kept Noah's small family and the animals. He obviously is not concerned about numbers. So, why are churches so concerned with numbers? Why are they cooling down the hot and warming up the cold to grow their ministries?



Coverups

- The church is Christ's bride, not man's bride. According to the bible, Christ covers the church, not man. Man covers his wife. *Eph. 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.* So, why are men trying to cover the church members? And why are preachers changing the Gospel to cater to the people rather than following biblical examples? For the money and power of course. *Titus 1:7 For it is necessary for a Bishop to be a man of virtue, as God's servant; not pushing himself forward, not quickly moved to wrath or blows, not desiring profit for himself;*
- People with emotional deficits are being lured into the church by men that desire to mix the Gospel message of Christ with a Inspirational Life Coach message of emotional healing. But ministering to the emotional deficits of the members is not allowed because we shouldn't be the covering of the members.
- Our emotional issues should be healed by family. Husbands cover wives. Father's cover children, etc. The natural takes care of the natural and the spiritual deals with the spiritual. *John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*
- When we mix the emotional with the spiritual, we create people that use the spiritual for the wrong reasons.
- God's spirit brings spiritual and physical healing. But emotionally, we need each other. This is what loving one another does. This is what loving your neighbor as yourself does. This is what marriage and family does. We cannot put religion or spiritual things in this place because it will create an imbalance and people won't have balance naturally or spiritually.



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 I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'VE ONLY FOUND A COUPLE THAT WORK FOR ME

To emotionally heal:

1. *You can't just pray for your husband, you must please him. 1Pet. 3:1*
2. *You can't just pray for your wife or preach to your wife, you must love her. Eph. 5:25*
3. *You can't just preach to your children you must spend time with them, interact with them, and lead by example. Eph. 6:4*
4. *You can't just pray for a husband or wife, you must prepare yourself for one. 1Tim. 3*
5. *You can't teach love, you show love. Love covers faults, not religion, preaching, fasting, praying, etc. 1Pet. 4:8*

Summary: The lukewarm church is pushing itself higher than the family and we are unraveling the very foundation that supports us. Without the family, the Gospel has nothing to stand on and the world's anti family agenda gains ground. Christians are starting to ignore their leader's failed families for the sake of their own emotional healing. The people are lacking emotionally and looking for the church and the pastor to make them feel better. The love, attention, and confidence they lack in their personal lives is being given to them by pastors instead of their own families and many are forsaking their spouses/children for church! This is making the church successful at membership but failures at ministry. If the church is not upholding the biblical standard of the bible, then what is it doing?

1John 2:24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

1John 2:25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

1John 2:26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

1John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.