

**Comfortable Christian  
Living the Life – Part 3  
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**Revelation 3:15 (NIV)** *“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!”*

**There is a difference between what you say  
you believe and how you actually live.**

**Revelation 3:16-17 (NIV)** *“So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of My mouth. <sup>17</sup> You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.”*

**To spit means: vomit.**

**The greatest oxymoron: “Lukewarm Christian”**

**Qualities Of A Lukewarm Christian...**

- 1. They crave acceptance from people more than acceptance from God.**

**2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV)** *“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.”*

**Luke 6:26 (NIV)** *“Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”*

- 2. They rarely share their faith in Christ.**

**Matthew 10:32-33 (NIV)** *“Whoever acknowledges Me before others, I will also acknowledge before My Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns Me before others, I will disown before My Father in heaven.”*

**3. They rationalize sin.**

**Ephesians 5:5 (NIV)** *“For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”*

**4. They think more about life on earth than eternity in heaven.**

**Philippians 1:21 (NIV)** *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”*

**5. They only turn to God when they need something.**

**Job 1:21 (NIV)** *“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.”*

**6. They give whenever it’s convenient.**

**Malachi 3:8b-10 (NIV)** *“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing You?’ ‘In tithes and offerings. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing Me. <sup>10</sup> Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.’ ”*

**7. They are not much different from the rest of the world.**

**Romans 12:2 (NIV)** *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

**Revelation 3:17 (NIV)** *“You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.”*

**Revelation 3:20 (NIV)** *“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with Me.”*