

## **I believe in God, but I don't go overboard**

**PRACTICAL ATHEIST:** someone who believes in God, but lives as if He doesn't exist.

*"Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.'"* Mark 7:6

*"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.'"* Revelation 3:14-16

### **LUKEWARM CHRISTIANS**

1. **Seek acceptance from \_\_\_\_\_ more than acceptance from \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets."* Luke 6:26

*"But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."* Matthew 10:32-33

2. **Do whatever it takes to alleviate their \_\_\_\_\_**

*"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."* Psalm 51:17

3. **Think more about life on \_\_\_\_\_ than eternity in \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."* Matthew 6:19-20

4. **Only turn to God when they are in \_\_\_\_\_**

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."* John 15:5

5. Are not that much \_\_\_\_\_ from the rest of the world

*"Do not be conformed to this world..." Romans 12:2*

***What's your full time job?***

*"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked...Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:17, 20*

*"For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." 2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

**Personal Meditation Questions**

- 1) Are you more passionate about Christ today than you were a year ago? 2 years ago? Why or why not?
- 2) Review the 5 qualities of lukewarm Christians. What is the biggest one (if any) that applies to you?
- 3) What are you going to do about your answer to question 2?