**Be Cold or Hot But Never Lukewarm**

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When God calls you, he does it by knocking on the door of your heart. You can show indifference. You can pretend like you didn’t hear and harden your heart. For this reason, the Bible warns time and time again that we should not harden our hearts.

Scripture 1: **Hebrews 3:7-8,12-15**

**7**Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,  
**8**Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,  
In the day of trial in the wilderness,

**12**Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; **13**but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. **14**For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, **15**while it is said:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,  
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+3&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30011c)]

God is the one who calls from the beginning, seeking His creation. For example, when Adam sinned, it was God who came looking for him, while Adam hid himself.

Scripture 2: **Genesis 3:8-9**

**8**And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

**9**Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”

This was also the case with Noah in

Scripture 3: **Genesis** **6:8-13**

**8**But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Noah Pleases God

**9**This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. **10**And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**11**The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. **12**So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

The Ark Prepared

**13**And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

God also called Abraham.

Scripture 4: **Genesis 12:1-2**

Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,  
From your family  
And from your father’s house,  
To a land that I will show you.  
**2**I will make you a great nation;  
I will bless you  
And make your name great;  
And you shall be a blessing.

God called Moses in the burning bush.

Scripture 5: **Exodus** **3:2-4**

**2**And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was* not consumed. **3**Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”

**4**So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!”

We always see this pattern. It is not people who seek the Lord. It is the opposite. God seeks people, and this is wonderful.

Scripture 6: **Revelation 3:20**

**20**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.

Scripture 7: **Isaish 65:1-2**

“I was sought by *those who* did not ask *for Me;*  
I was found by *those who* did not seek Me.  
I said, ‘Here I am, here I am,’  
To a nation *that* was not called by My name.  
**2**I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people,  
Who walk in a way *that is* not good,  
According to their own thoughts;

Scripture 8: **John 15:16**

**16**You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

When you respond to God’s call, He puts in you in His path again so that you begin to produce good fruit. God gives you the power to ask and receive His blessings, as it says in John 15:16 and like the prophet Samuel, who was called by God more than three times until Samuel heard God’s voice and responding, Samuel said, Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Scripture 9: **1 Samuel** **3:3-10**

**3**and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+3%3A3-10&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-7280a)] of the Lord where the ark of God *was,* and while Samuel was lying down, **4**that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, “Here I am!” **5**So he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”

And he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” And he went and lay down.

**6**Then the Lord called yet again, “Samuel!”

So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” He answered, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” **7**(Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.)

**8**And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you did call me.”

Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. **9**Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

**10**Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”

We know that the Bible has promised us that the time is soon. That is to say that times of tribulation are soon, when things get really ugly in this world, but God has called you to produce good fruit. God has called you to filled with the Spirit of God, because if not, you will be cold or lukewarm, and then you will be rejected from His kingdom.

Scripture 10: **Revelation 3:15-16**

**15**“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. **16**So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+3%3A15-16&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-30763a" \o "See footnote a)] I will vomit you out of My mouth.

In this path, you can be hot, cold, or lukewarm, and the previous verse is clear. Therefore, you decide where you want to be.

\*\*\*\*Three Simple Definitions of this Topic \*\*\*\*

a.Cold Heart=You are not right with God.

b.Lukewarm Heart=You know you are wrong, but you do not do anything about it. (Stony Heart)

c.Hot Heart=When you are in the path serving God

\*\*\*\*Symptoms of a Lukewarm or Cold Heart \*\*\*

The lukewarm begin to show their fruits first by the hardness of their hearts. They know they are doing wrong, and they don’t even lose their peace. They take this lightly. They don’t seek God. Praise and worship bores them. The Word or the sermon bores them. They say, “When will this service be over?” They find the things of the world more attractive than the things of God.

Scripture 11: **2 Timothy 3:1-4**

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: **2**For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **3**unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **4**traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

\*\*\*\*Symptoms of a Hot Heart\*\*\*\*

The person who is hot for God is the one who makes his flesh be in obedience to the Lord so that the Spirit of God can work in his whole life. He renounces the desires of the flesh, and he lets the fruits of the Spirit work in his new life as a follower of Christ.

Scripture 12: **Galatians 5:16-25**

**16**I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **17**For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **18**But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**19**Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A16-25+&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29182a)] fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20**idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21**envy, murders,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A16-25+&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29184b)]drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**22**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23**gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **24**And those *who are* Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25**If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

To conclude, we have been called to have a heart that is hot for God, always producing good fruit for His glory. Christ is the one who calls, and we should examine ourselves and ask ourselves…Am I truly following Christ, or is my Christian life lukewarm? Each one of us should respond to this question in our hearts….