#### OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL INDIFFERENCE

#### Avoiding the Pitfalls - Part 1

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"I know <u>your deeds</u>, that you <u>are neither cold nor hot</u>. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because <u>you are lukewarm</u>—neither hot nor cold—I am about to <u>spit you out of my</u> mouth." – Revelation 3:15-16 NIV

#### THREE CAUSES OF SPIRITUAL INDIFFERENCE

## 1. Self- sufficiency

"You say, '<u>I am rich</u>. <u>I have everything I want</u>. <u>I don't need a thing!</u>' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." – Rev. 3:17 NLT

### 2. Worldly <u>Distractions</u>

"But the <u>worries of this life</u>, the deceitfulness of <u>wealth</u>, and the <u>desires for other things</u> come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful." – Mark 4:19 NIV

"Feeling numb isn't the absence of feeling—but the sensation of feeling too much at once." – Unknown

# 3. The Passing of <u>Time</u>

This is why I remind you to <u>fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you</u> when I laid my hands on you. – 2 Timothy 1:6 NLT

#### SIX SIGNS OF LIVING WITH LUKEWARM INDIFFERENCE

- 1. We are more concerned with <u>fitting in</u> and impressing people than with living for God.
- 2. We are obsessed with the here and now rather than eternity.
- 3. We rationalize sin and live without a healthy fear of God.
- 4. We believe in Jesus, but we rarely share our faith.
- 5. We only turn to God when we need Him.
- 6. We're just not very different from the world.

## **REINGNITING YOUR SPIRITUAL FIRE**

# > EVERY DAY, DO SOMETHING THAT REQUIRES FAITH.

"I correct and discipline everyone I love. So <u>be diligent and turn from your indifference</u>." – Rev. 3:19 NLT

No one can please God without faith.... - Hebrews 11:6a GNT

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. <u>If anyone hears my voice and opens the door</u>, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." – Rev. 3:20 NIV