

A Spiritual Health Check
8. Lukewarmness (Revelation 3v14-22)

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Introduction

- The emperor's new clothes
- **Three points** for professing Christians:

Jesus' diagnosis (v14-16)

- *'I know your deeds'*
- *'I am about to spit you out!'*

Jesus' counsel (v17-19)

- *Buy from me:*
 - Gold
 - White clothes
 - Salve for your eyes

Jesus' invitation (v20-21)

- He will eat with us (v20)
- We will reign with him (v21)

Conclusion

Revelation 3v14-22 (NIV)

¹⁴ "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰ 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.

²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."