

WHAT ARE YOU ? Lukewarm sponge? Or Catalyst?

Sponge:

An empty skeleton that exists to absorb things around it

Consumer – takes and gives nothing

No ambition, no motivation, no vision

Ocean Sponges draw in a current of water to extract nutrients and oxygen.

Thermometer – reacts to environment

Catalyst:

Activating ingredient

To accelerate or create a reaction

Ambition to make something happen

Thermostat – sets, controls and changes the environment

1. A soldier in the military who has never fired a round
2. A Christian who has never shared their faith

The Gospel is either a stimulant or a depressant –

It kicks you into action or lulls you to sleep

- a. On fire for God can't wait to serve and give. Looks for solutions
- b. Full of forgiveness, nursing wounds, abusing grace, complaining about problems, criticizing how others can serve them better

1 Kings 18:21 - Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.

Rev. 3:16 because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Matt 11:7 - As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind?"

James 1: 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.



Misunderstood truth:

1. Working harder, doing good works doesn't make you a catalyst. You have to have the right ingredients in your DNA.
 - a. Repentance
 - b. Born again
 - c. Holy Ghost filled
2. Jesus loves Laodiceans (Rev 3)
 - a. Return to your first love (love God enough to love people)
 - b. Conviction is healthy. Condemnation leads to guilt, shame, depression

WHO ARE YOU ?

Apathetic - lethargic - ambivalent - confused

Weak willed - puney - underwhelmed - unimpressed

Disinterested - vasolating - timid - unconscious

Out to lunch - Religious PLAYER ?

OR...

born again - bible believin - devil chasin

sin killin - true blue - red hot

blood bought - Jesus lovin - spirit filled

purpose driven - child of the livin God!