

## Lesson 95 – Religious Liberalism

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We are living in the last days now. Most churches are “Laodicean Churches.” They have great buildings and great problems, but **no spiritual power**. They are making little or no impact on the world. The members of these churches are satisfied with themselves. They need a preacher who will step on their toes and make them dissatisfied!

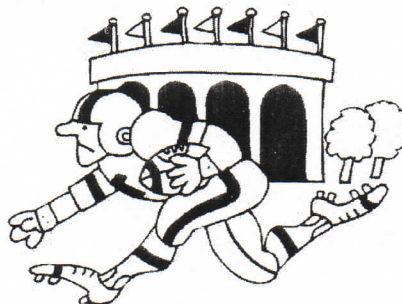
Church have become social and entertainment centers. People choose a church because it has a funny preacher, a good youth program, or many social activities. They are not concerned about the church’s **stand for the truth**. As a matter of fact, most churches do not take stands. They are afraid they may alienate people.

Evidence of being lukewarm is found in the fact that these churches will cancel services so people can watch the **Super Bowl**. Their young people dress and act the same way as young people in the world. They can get a crowd for a pot luck dinner, but no one will show up for visitation or soul-winning.

**Conversation** in a lukewarm church will center around the trivial experiences in the lives of

the people. You will not hear conversations about how God is working in people’s lives, and plans to reach more people with the gospel. Missions trips will be more about building projects than soul-winning. The preaching will be entertaining rather than convicting.

The greatest need of the Laodicean Church is to **simply recognize** the deplorable condition in which it exists and seek to get back the power of God!



**Some Churches Cancel Their Services so People Can Watch the Super Bowl!**

### Questions for Junior Lesson 95

1. What kind of preacher does a Laodicean Church need?
2. Why do Laodicean churches not take stands?
3. What do people talk about at Laodicean churches?
4. What is the greatest need of Laodicean churches?

**Intermediate and Advanced Lesson 95 – World History**  
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**Spiritual Insight:** It is easy to look around at other churches and condemn them. It is better to look very critically at one's own spiritual life and ask, "Has the Laodicean spirit affected me?" Do you thrive on powerful, convicting sermons, or do you like your preacher to preach sermons with very little spiritual content. Do you like simple songs that make you feel good, or the great hymns of the faith with their significant content. A good prayer in the Bible for each one of us to use is as follows:

Psalm 139:23-24 – *Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

**Intermediate Questions**

1. What are "contemporary services?"
2. What is "contemporary Christian music?"

**Advanced Questions**

1. Identify three major issues facing churches today.
2. Give you opinion on each of these three issues.

**The Services of Many Churches are Like Rock Concerts!**

