

Are You “All In” For Christ?

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“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, “These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: ‘I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.’” Revelation 3:14-16

Introduction:

Cold water is refreshing, hot water is useful for medical purposes, but lukewarm water is neither.

The works of the Laodician church made Christ want to vomit the believers out of his mouth.

Key thought: Where do each of us stand in relation to this scripture? Are we all in for Christ, or are we lukewarm for Him. Is Christ pleased with us, or does he want to vomit us out?

Points to Ponder:

- Let’s explore what it means to be “All In.” Let’s go on a hike!
- Hiking the Appalachian Trail (AT) is tough, but so is our walk with Christ.
- How did you feel when you first came to Christ? Do you feel that way now? What has changed?
- Life is not always easy, we experience the good, the bad and the outright ugly.

It takes perseverance to hike the AT, to walk with Christ. It takes _____ to be all in.

- Jesus was a hiker, he essentially walked everywhere he went--and he liked to go up to the mountains!
- Hikers know that they must _____ the trail.
- They must pursue the trail with passion, with a thirst for completion, no matter what the costs.

We must do the same. We must , _____, _____,

_____, _____, pursue Christ!

What are three things that are keeping you, keeping us, from being all in for Christ?

1. _____ will keep you from going all in.
2. _____ will keep you from going all in.
3. _____ will keep you from going all in.

Some Questions to Ponder:

- Where in your life do you think that you're "good enough"?
- What are you afraid of giving up to go all in with Jesus?
- What is holding you back from going all in with Jesus?
- Do you really understand what you will gain from going all in with Jesus?
- What's a step that you can take this week towards going all in with Jesus?
- We must relentlessly, passionately, endlessly, actively, pursue Christ.
- We must be, All In for him, Because HE IS ALL IN FOR US!!!!

Key Points:

- Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death.
- Set God-sized goals. Pursue God-ordained passions.
- Go after a dream that is destined to fail without divine intervention.
- Keep asking questions. Keep making mistakes.
- Keep seeking God.
- Stop pointing out problems and become part of the solution.
- Stop repeating the past and start creating the future.
- Stop playing it safe and start taking risks.
- Expand your horizons. Accumulate experiences.
- Live Life; Enjoy the journey.
- Find every excuse you can to celebrate everything you can.
- Live like today is the first day and last day of your life.
- Don't let what's wrong with you keep you from what's right with God.
- Burn sinful bridges. Blaze new trails.
- Don't let fear dictate your decisions.
- Take a flying leap of faith.
- Quit holding out. Quit holding back.
- Push all of your chips to the middle of the table.

It's time to ante up all of your faith. It's time to go all out. **It's time to go all in.**