

Faith Fight Podcast – How to be on FIRE for God

Revelations 3:15-16 says *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.*

This chapter was written to the church of Laodicea and because of Laodiceas geographical location, the water from the hot springs of Hierapolis was merely lukewarm by the time it reached Laodicea and it was neither sanitary nor refreshing. As Christians we should desire to be hot for Jesus... We're going to go over how to do that today.

Read Your Bible Daily

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. - Matthew 4:4

Just as your body needs food for nourishment and energy, your spirit needs to Word of God for you to live as a successful Christian. In this verse Jesus was tempted by the devil and he drew upon the word that was in his heart in order to overcome the temptation. So when you read your bible daily, It is one element to being on fire for God and avoid being lukewarm.

Study & Apply What You Learned From the Bible

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. - Joshua 1:8

To meditate on the Word of God means not only to read it but to study and investigate what it says. Know what the word of God means is only part of the task. The other part is to understand why God may be saying this. In order to get this type of revelation, you need to ensure that you read the bible in context. The final part is to apply what you have learned. It can be a new thought, a new lesson, a habit that you need to change. But whatever it is, you need to apply the word of God in your life.

Set Aside a Daily Time to Meet With God

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. – Daniel 6:10

In the face of opposition, Daniel still kept his regular routine of praying to God three times a day. Whatever your time to meet with God is, do your best to keep it. Don't allow distractions or threat of persecutions from the world to keep you from meeting with God. God will reward you for your faithfulness to prioritize meeting with Him.

Have a Vibrant Prayer Life

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. - Luke 5:15-16

As we see in these verses, Jesus was operating in full glory, healing many people. So much so, that they were looking for him, But Jesus went away to a quiet place to pray. Regardless of how successful or how busy your life becomes, remember to go away to spend time to pray. Jesus gives us the example here.

Spend Time in Worship

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” – John 4:21-24

God is not looking for singers, he is looking for those who will worship in spirit and truth. I’m not going to talk about the style of worship here, but what I am going to say is that your worship should touch the heart of God and should draw you into His presence. After you spend time in worship in His presence, you cannot remain the same. This is your indication that you worshipped in spirit and truth.

Guard Your Mind

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. - 1 John 2:16-17

The things of the world are a big distraction to living on fire to God. In my opinion, the things of the world is the what causes Christians to live a lukewarm life. You need to guard your mind through what you see, what you hear and the things you say. Be extremely careful what you let into your mind. If left unchecked, it will leave you focusing on the wrong things and waste your time.

Fellowship with Other Believers in Christ

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – Hebrews 10:24-25

Nobody can operate as an island. If you don’t have anyone that can encourage you from time to time, you will be limiting your ability. Being connected in your local church will allow you to be encouraged by likeminded Christians. They will encourage you when you need it and you can encourage them when they need it. We all are the body of Christ and work together to accomplish God’s purposes. Being connected will ensure that when our fire starts to go dim, that someone else may be there to ignite it again so it burns bright.

Serve Others (Show the love of Christ)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be

praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. – 1 Peter 4:10-11

We all have some gifts, talents or abilities that God has given us. We are not called into the Kingdom of God to just sit on our gifts, talents or abilities and not serve anyone with it. Use what you have to be a blessing to others. Always give your best effort to serve others. When you do this it will cause you to grow, be a blessing to others and it will give Glory to God. So find a way to serve others.

Weekly Prayer Plan – How to be on FIRE for God

How to Use this Template:

Download and save this document to begin using at the beginning (Monday) of every week. Every week will have different bible verses to meditate on based on the Faith Fight Podcast episode topic for that week. Determine the time and place that you will devote to prayer. The below structure is set for one hour and is only used as a guide. You can adjust your timing if necessary.

Time: _____

Place: _____

5 min – Drawing Near To God

5 min – Confession

10 min – God-Centered Petitions

10 min – Intercessory Prayer

10 min – Personal Petitions

15 min – Meditation

5 min – Praise, Thanksgiving & Closing

1. **DRAWING NEAR TO GOD** - Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

God the Father is the focus of all our prayers. We should never forget what a privilege it is to bend our knees on earth and reach almighty God in heaven.

2. **CONFESSION** - Matt. 6:12 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

When we repent and forgive others, we maintain fellowship with God. But if we hold grudges, that fellowship is broken. God loves to answer our prayers when the lines of communication are not disrupted.

3. **GOD CENTERED PETITIONS Matt 6:10** “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.”

Prayer should reflect a desire to align ourselves with God’s goals and purposes, not to get Him to follow our plans.

4. **PERSONAL PETITIONS Matt 6:11** “Give us today our daily bread.”

We are dependent upon the Lord for our needs and He wants us to come to Him with our requests.

5. **MEDITATION Joshua 1:8** “Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

Meditation is thinking about the word of God to understand what it means in the context of the scripture and how it can apply to your life today. The Word of God is powerful enough to still be relevant in your life today even though it was written thousands of years ago.

Read through the scripture passages for today as listed below:

Meditational Verses

Monday: **Read Your Bible Daily – Matthew 4:1-11**

Tuesday: **Set Aside a Daily Time to Meet With God – Daniel 6**

Wednesday: **Fellowship with Other Believers in Christ - Hebrews 10:24-25**

Thursday: **Have a Vibrant Prayer Life – Luke 5:15-16**

Friday: **Serve Others – 1 Peter 4:1-11**

Saturday: **Guard Your Mind – 1 John 2:16-17**

Sunday: **Spend Time in Worship – John 4:1-26**

Once you have read the scripture for today, write down your answer to the questions below or any other insight/revelation that you receive in your prayer journal.

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a sin to avoid?
6. Is there a new thought to carry with me?

6. **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING 1 John 5:14-15** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

We can end our prayer time with confidence that God has heard our prayer and will answer in His perfect timing. Demonstrate your faith in Him by showing thanks before you see the answer to your prayers.