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Francis Chan - Loving God in the Lukewarm Church - posted by intrcssr83 (), on: 2009/8/19 3:38

From the 2007 Passion Conference:

What do you do when the Holy Spirit has filled your heart with passionate conviction and love for the things of God while those around you seem apathetic? According to Francis Chan, the answer is not to withdraw and whinge, but to persevere in love. Love for God, love for people, love for the church:

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Re: Francis Chan - Loving God in the Lukewarm Church - posted by notmyown, on: 2009/8/19 9:38

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Thanks for posting this.

Re: - posted by intrcssr83 (), on: 2009/8/19 21:20

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-----by notmyown on 2009/8/19 21:38:45

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Thanks for posting this.

I think it's all too easy to over-react to lukewarmness in the church that the knee-jerk reaction is to immediately quit. What I got from the message was: Does that necessarily reflect the grace and love of God in of itself? When we simply pack up and leave in the hopes of either finding a better place or even doing church on our own, are we really demonstrating goodly character or are we letting our convictions to get tarnished by our ego?

In other words, would it not be more loving to demonstrate grace by bearing with the lukewarm in the hope that our own expression of **Passion with Humility** will allow them to consider their ways rather than turning our backs altogether?

Just my \$0.02