

SELAH-GRAM

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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this week. I pray each SelahGram genuinely reflects a fire in my heart and similarly stirs the fire in yours.

Selah--please pause and ponder.

Seeker Friendly-A Hearty Endorsement



Churches everywhere are adopting a "*seeker sensitive*" or "*seeker friendly*" approach to attracting parishioners. It has become increasingly fashionable in religious circles today (not to mention, highly successful).

I have no problem with this and indeed believe it to be a breakthrough concept. I whole-heartedly applaud providing an atmosphere that fuels and inspires **fervent seekers**. However, my enthusiastic approval ends abruptly when the focus is directed more toward appealing to the casual than to the passionate!

If the intent is to make the casual observer feel comfortable, I'm not interested. If we successfully accomplish that, what have we done? What have we changed? In truth, such an approach can't really be considered "**seeker sensitive**."

I have a huge place in my heart for diligent, passionate seekers but **I am repulsed by lukewarm-ness**, especially when tolerated and even encouraged from the pulpit! I have no interest in fueling and perpetuating such indifference. Jesus declared in John 6:44 AMP, "*No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts and draws him and gives him the desire to come to Me.*" This is not a discussion about how well marketed, contemporary or relevant the presentation. **Nothing is attracting to the thirsting human spirit as encountering the genuine**

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Supporting Thoughts

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Rev 3:15 NLT I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! 16 But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth!

Rev 3:16 MSG You're stale. You're stagnant. You make me want to vomit. [*Considered the*

presence of the Lord. Nothing!

Pursuing HIS Presence,

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*worst of the seven
churches of Rev. 2 and
3, the transgression of
the Laodicean church
was a tolerance for
lukewarm-ness.]*

SEEKER sensitive?
Absolutely! Selah.

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