

Lowring God

- Seeking New way Always to be Closer

- 1- No words - action
- 2- Creativity - no limit
- 3- Spontaneity - unspectacular - quiet, faithful
- 4- Letting loose - don't care about cost

BEATITUDES OF THE LUKEWARM

(To the lukewarm satan promises happiness here and hereafter. He offers his own set of beatitudes:)

Blessed are they who do nothing to spread their faith, for they shall keep all their friends.

Blessed are the indifferent and the apathetic for they shall never be considered fanatics.

Blessed are they who avoid all parish organizations and activities, for they shall be able to follow all the television shows.

Blessed are they who, even in spiritual matters, mind their own business and care only for themselves, for they will lose no time in considering their brother's needs.

Blessed are those who serve God with half a heart, for religion will never interfere with their good times and pleasure.

Most blessed and most happy are they who pretend to love God while they hate their neighbors. They are deceivers, like myself, and they will be good company for me for all eternity.

WHO'S THE BRAVEST? One night, author Zig Ziglar was telling the Bible story of David and Goliath to his eight-year-old son, Tom. He says:

As I was finishing the story I paused and said to Tom, "Son, David was really a brave boy to challenge Goliath, wasn't he? He was a lad of seventeen and hadn't even started to shave, while Goliath was a man of war over nine feet tall and weighing over four hundred pounds." Tom looked up at me and said, "Yes, Dad, David was brave all right. But Goliath was really the brave one." Somewhat startled, I asked Tom why he figured Goliath was the brave one. He said, "Dad, you've got to understand that Goliath was out there all by himself; David had God with him."

NOT MUCH MARKET Millions of people in our culture make decisions for Christ, but there is a dreadful attrition rate . . . In our kind of culture anything, even news about God, can be sold if it is packaged freshly; but when it loses its novelty, it goes on the garbage heap. There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship. Eugene Peterson