

Taking Your Temp - Part 1: Passion for the Presence

2026 Theme: _____

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." - Revelation 3:20

Spiritual Thermometer #1:

Passion for God stays close to the _____.
When we are hot for God, we love being in God's presence.

Growing cold in our love for God is not a sudden drop in temperature.
It's a gradual cooling down—a degree here and then another and another...

Staying Close to Jesus

1. _____ - Psalm 122:1
 - David was in community, not in isolation - notice the plural pronouns:
"I was glad when THEY said unto me, Let US go to the house of the Lord."
 - Glad—to brighten, cheer up; a celebration, holiday (Exodus 4:14; 1 Samuel 11:9; Esther 8:15-17).

2. **Daily Personal _____ with God**
 - Carving out daily, deliberate time free from distractions is key to staying close to God (Matthew 6:6,11).
 - Include worship, prayer, getting into the Bible, and listening to God's Word and the Spirit's voice.

3. _____ **in the presence of Jesus**

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." - John 15:5

 - Like a branch connected to a vine—we draw life, strength, and nourishment from Christ to bear spiritual fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
 - It's a life-long journey of learning to abide.