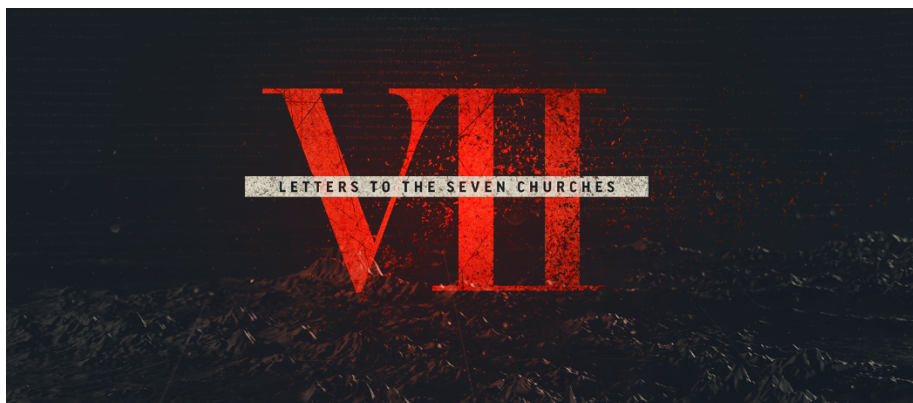




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Thyatira - Revelation 2:18-29

Thyatira's Strengths and Weaknesses Revealed:

A church can be full of love and service, yet secretly tolerating sin.

Revelation 2:19-20 ESV

The Spirit of Jezebel: What Is It?

The spirit of Jezebel seduces believers into blending truth with lies and righteousness with wickedness.

"You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess."

Revelation 2:20 ESV (1 Kings 16:31-33)

Modern Parallels – Where Have We Compromised?

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." **Romans 12:2 ESV**

Society: Redefining moral boundaries: Accepting lifestyles, behaviors, or beliefs clearly contrary to Scripture (e.g., sexual morality, gender identity, materialism) in the name of "inclusivity" or "tolerance."

Politics/World events: Allowing political debate and division to fracture church unity, rather than maintaining focus on Christ and His kingdom.

Media/Entertainment: Endorsing media that glorifies sin, prioritizing entertainment over Scripture, and letting trends shape our worship and teaching.

Church: Avoiding hard truths, prioritizing feel-good messages over repentance, holding to men's traditions rather than Biblical truth, and confusing activity and numbers with spiritual health.

Marriages: Neglecting prayer and Scripture together, normalizing conflict and neglect, confusing Biblical marital roles, and letting busyness trump spiritual growth and unity.

Children: Relying on church for discipleship, failing to model authentic faith, and letting activities replace spiritual development.

The Enemy's Agenda and Tactics: The enemy exploits our compromises to gain footholds in our lives.

- *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8* **ESV**
- *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.* **Ephesians 6:12 ESV**

Response: God's and Ours

- *"I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works." Revelation 2:21-22* **ESV**
- *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:7-8* **ESV**

Key Points:

- Compromise is subtle and gradual.
- The enemy advances his agenda through societal, political, and cultural pressures, as well as the temptations of our own fleshly desires.
- Stand firm in discernment and holiness by committing ourselves to the Word, prayer, fasting, and obedience.

Next Step: Prayer of Self-examination

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life." Psalm 139:23-24 **NLT**