

Series: "GROWING PAINS"
 Part 4: "THE ALLURE OF IDOLATRY"
 Crossroads Community Church
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¹⁸ "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:
 These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing
 fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

Revelation 2:18 (NIV)

¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and
 perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at
 first.

Revelation 2:19 (NIV)

²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman
 Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads
 my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed
 to idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she
 is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make
 those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they
 repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the
 churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and
 minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

Revelation 2:20-23 (NIV)

The Problem:

➤ **Mixing** _____ **with following** _____

How to Identify the Idols in Your Life

1. **Look for what you** _____

2. **Look for what you willingly** _____

Some of my biggest idols can be _____

Two Reasons Why Idolatry is Such a Big Deal

1. **God demands** _____

⁶ "This is what the Lord says—
 Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty:
 I am the first and I am the last;
 apart from me there is no God.

Isaiah 44:6 (NIV)

2. **All idolatry will be** _____

What We Need to Do with Our Idolatry Problem

²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is
 unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make
 those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they
 repent of her ways.

Revelation 2:21-22 (NIV)

1. **Live a** _____ **of** _____

2. **Learn from** _____

²⁴ Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not
 hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called
 deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on
 you, ²⁵ except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

²⁶ To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I
 will give authority over the nations—

Revelation 2:24-26 (NIV)

3. _____ **in** _____

Father God, I confess _____

I ask for your help with _____

I thank you for _____
