



Digging Deeper

Putting your faith in ACTION!

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

1. What does our culture demand that we tolerate? How does this align with what God tolerates? Has outside pressure caused you to tolerate anything God asks us to reject?
2. Are you presently or have you ever been led astray by false teaching? How do we identify, avoid, and protect ourselves from false teaching?
3. What encouragement do you take away from today's message?
4. Take some time to pray over today's message.

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

1. We live in a culture that is continually pushing for "tolerance". Using this week's message for guidance, discuss the ideas and failings of "tolerance" – how does this relate to compromise?
2. Perhaps a good take-away this week to talk about how God's Word is the standard for what is true and right, not what someone else may say – even if it sounds super-spiritual.
3. Take some time pray together.



Today's Service

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Series: Seven

Part 4: Thyatira

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The main complaint of this church is that it has _____ something, and someone, that _____ be tolerated.

Revelation 2:18-29 (NLT)¹⁸ “Write this letter to the angel of the church in Thyatira. This is the message from the Son of God, whose eyes are like flames of fire, whose feet are like polished bronze: ¹⁹ “I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things. ²⁰ “But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. ²¹ I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality. ²² “Therefore, I will throw her on a bed of suffering, and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly unless they repent and turn away from her evil deeds. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve. ²⁴ “But I also have a message for the rest of you in Thyatira who have not followed this false teaching (‘deeper truths,’ as they call them—depths of Satan, actually). I will ask nothing more of you ²⁵ except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come. ²⁶ To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, To them I will give authority over all the nations. ²⁷ They will rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots. ²⁸ They will have the same authority I received from my Father, and I will also give them the morning star! ²⁹ “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

Acts 16:14 (NLT) ¹⁴ One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying.

1 Kings 16:29-33 (NLT)²⁹ Ahab son of Omri began to rule over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of King Asa’s reign in Judah. He reigned in Samaria twenty-two years.³⁰ But Ahab son of Omri did what was evil in the Lord’s sight, even more than any of the kings before him. ³¹ And as though it were not enough to follow the sinful example of Jeroboam, he married Jezebel, the daughter of King Ethbaal of the Sidonians, and he began to bow down in worship of

Baal. ³² First Ahab built a temple and an altar for Baal in Samaria.³³ Then he set up an Asherah pole. He did more to provoke the anger of the Lord, the God of Israel, than any of the other kings of Israel before him.

1 Kings 21:25 (NLT) ²⁵ (No one else so completely sold himself to what was evil in the Lord’s sight as Ahab did under the influence of his wife Jezebel...

1 Kings 21:23 (NLT) ²³ “And regarding Jezebel, the Lord says, ‘Dogs will eat Jezebel’s body at the plot of land in Jezreel.’

Acts 15:28 (NLT) ²⁸ “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay no greater burden on you than these few requirements: ²⁹ You must abstain from eating food offered to idols, from consuming blood or the meat of strangled animals, and from sexual immorality. If you do this, you will do well. Farewell.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Galatians 5:24 (NLT)²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

When it comes to the Bible, even when specifics do not _____, guidance is _____.

So have an _____ faith.

Do not sacrifice what you _____ to hear, for what you _____ to hear.

When we surrender our lives to Jesus, we are signing onto a life of continual _____ and _____.

Is my walk _____? What am I _____?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES: Romans 14:11, Hebrews 9:27b, Galatians 5:13, 19-24, 1 Corinthians 2:10, Psalm 2:8-9, Revelation 19:11-16

