



Revelation 2:1a ESV

To the angel of the church in Ephesus write...

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN EPHESUS:

_____ - Greek goddess of fertility.

_____ - Host city for a temple dedicated to the worship of an Emperor.

_____ - Priests of the gods and goddesses.

Ephesians 6:12-13 ESV

12 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. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Revelation 1:12; 16a

12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man...In his right hand he held seven stars...

Revelation 2:1 ESV

1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.



Revelation 2:2-3 ESV

2 “ I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary.

Revelation 2:6 ESV

6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

_____ - Sect in the early church that absorbed Greek Philosophy and Gnosticism. Taught that the body was insignificant and that the only thing valuable was the soul.

Revelation 2:4 ESV

4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

Protos - What comes first in terms of _____ and _____.

Matthew 15:8 ESV

8 “ This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

Matthew 23:27 ESV

27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like white-washed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people’s bones and all uncleanness.

Revelation 2:5 ESV

5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lamp-stand from its place, unless you repent.

QUESTION #1 - What is my _____ based on?

NOTES: _____

QUESTION #2 - If it’s not, how do I base my faith on a love for _____?

NOTES: _____

Matthew 7:22-23 ESV

22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

NOTES: _____

Revelation 2:7 ESV

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

CLOSING CHALLENGE:

1. Do I have a _____ with Jesus or am I devoted to a _____?
2. Are my _____ out of whack? Have I abandoned Jesus for something the world offers?
3. Do I _____ Jesus?

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 ESV

1 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.