



REVELATION 2:12, write this letter to the angel of the church in Pergamum. This is the message from the One with the sharp two edge sword...

- I. We must remember WHO defines Truth.**
REV 2:12; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16

John 17:17, Your word is Truth.

2 Timothy 3:16, All Scripture is inspired by God.

Revelation 2:13, I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me.

- II. God knows where we are standing.** REV 2:13

***We must NOT extinguish biblical conviction in order to gain cultural approval.**

Revelation 2:13, ... You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan's city.

- III. God expects us to hold tight to Truth amid evil.** Revelation 2:13-15

Revelation 2:14, But I have a few complaints against you.

***Past faithfulness does not excuse present compromise.**

Revelation 2:14-15, "But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you who's teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin. 15 In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching.

- IV. God warns us not to confuse love with tolerance of error.** Revelation 2:14-15

Revelation 2:16, *Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.*

V. God warns us to repent as soon as sin is realized. **Revelation 2:16**

Revelation 2:17, *Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what He is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.*

VI. God wants us to remember the reward that is to come. **REV 2:17**

***Courage without compassion misrepresents Christ.**

***Compassion without conviction does too.**