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- We ***misconstrue*** the ***pecking*** order.
- ***Guilty*** of trying to ***assert*** our desires & ways.
- Jesus ***exerts*** His ***authority***.
- Seven ***real*** churches, with seven ***real*** pastors.

## 2. Seven *cities*, seven spiritual *prescriptions*

- We evaluate only by the externals.
- Jesus knows the inward & true condition.
- Some encouraging, most were corrective.
- We have abandoned our first love!
- God's Church will suffer for being Christlike.
- The elephant in the room of every church.
- People who aren't biblically qualified.
- Asleep at the wheel.
- The only church that patiently endured.
- Has been holding hands with the world.
- Be earnest & repent, invest in spiritual things, & clothe yourselves in Christ.

**Sermon notes:**

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