

Eyes on the King: Church of Thyatira

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Diluted: to reduce the strength or make something weaker by mixing in something else

A diluted faith becomes a disillusioned faith

*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
bronze feet represent Jesus justice and correction, flaming red
eyes represent purity*

Mr. Rogers Jesus
Biggest Loser Jesus

Jesus meets us where we are, but he also leads us to where we need to be

*I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and
perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did
at first.
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. Revelation 2:19-20*

The world claims tolerance as a blessing and Jesus claims
tolerance as a curse

Tolerate: To let go or to allow with permission

Intolerance: To not permit or accept

Step 1: You have to start by replacing the label of the one who
poisons with (Victim)

Step 2: You have to replace the label of the one who protects
with (Villain)

Step 3: Redefine the moral compass

Holiness becomes Hate
Tolerance becomes Love

We must not flinch at proclaiming the absolutes of Scripture

Love people and speak truth

Don't confuse intolerance with indifference

Don't use Holy Intolerance to become a Holy Introvert

Don't leverage intolerance as a right to interrogate

How to be a church who doesn't tolerate sin

Unchecked sin leads to unhealthy outcomes

Tolerance to sin leads to greater toxicity of sin

Passivity to sin leads to passageways of the enemy

3 Jezebel teachings. 1 Kings 18 and 21

1. **My truth over God's truth** (Relativism) v18:4
2. **My gain over Christ's gain** (Egoism) v21:4, 7, 15
3. **My pleasure over God's pleasing** (Hedonism)
v21:25-26. Hedonism: belief that pleasure is the highest
good

Not everyone who is for you is good for you

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, except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

*To the one who is **victorious** and does my will to the end, I will **give authority over the nations**.....that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also **give that one the morning star**. Revelation 2:24-28*

The seduction to an idol creates a reduction of faith

QUESTIONS:

1-Is there an area of your faith that has become diluted by mixing in other things?

2-Are you more drawn to the Mr. Rogers Jesus who loves and accepts all? Or to the Biggest Loser/Fitness Coach Jesus who draws a line and calls you to a place of holiness? What temptations could each lead to if taken too far? If you find yourself feeling defensive about a Jesus who calls us into holiness, why do you think that is? How do you find that balance of loving people and pursuing holiness?

3-How have you experienced the villainizing of another? Or the victimizing? Give an example of how you have seen yourself, someone else, or culture redefine a moral compass.

4-How can we, as a small group/ as a church, be accountable to one another in sin areas? Unchecked sin? Tolerance to sin? Passivity to sin?

5-Which of the 3 Jezebel teachings are you most drawn into?

My truth over God's truth

My gain over Christ's gain

My pleasure over God's pleasing

Read these scriptures about dying to self.

Luke 9:18-27, Galatians 2:17-21, Colossians 3:1-11,

1 Peter 4:1-11, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

How do they speak to these ideas of relativism, egoism, and hedonism?

Pray: Show us the places where we are agreeing with a jezebel spirit. Thank you that you show up with the eyes of fire and purity. Illuminate those areas we need to come clean about. We give you permission Holy Spirit to shine a spotlight on the areas of life where we've drifted. Give us a heart of repentance, help us to become bold in embracing Your brilliance and may we reflect Your morning star!