

The Power Driven Church

The Seven Churches of Revelation

Commitment or Compromise

Hold Fast—Walk Worthy

Walk worthy of the calling you have received...

Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you."
Daniel 6

A. Walking Worthy: Commitment Eph 4:1-3

The uncompromising way: 'constantly serve...'
Humility — Gentleness — Patience
Tolerance — Diligence

B. Two Conflicting Ways of Life!

a. The Jesus way

Sacrifice, submission, humility, and patience

b. The worlds way

Consumption, assertiveness, speed, and fame.

C. The Conflict Exposed: *The appeal of compromise*

1. Competence before Prayer

When we think we know enough and have walked with him long enough that we can get by without prayer, study, fellowship, service, and worship: The kinds of actions that build our dependence on God.

Luke 9:23-25; Mark 1:35

2. Individualism Instead of Congregation

The purpose of community/congregation is to form people into the image of Christ. The consumer Christian culture (compromise) makes us become more and Jesus become less.

Philippians 2:3-16; Eph 4:11-16

3. Impatience Rather Than Endurance

In America slow and urgent are not compatible, they cancel each other out. In the Kingdom, patience and urgent are yoked together.

Mat 7:24-28; Gal 6:9

4. Celebrity over Humility

The celebrity-thinking that debilitates the Christian cause is the tendency for leaders and followers alike to celebrate themselves rather than God.

Psa 34:2; Psa 37:11; Psa 69:32; Pro 11:2; Pro 16:19; Pro 29:23; Jam 4:6; Jam 4:10



The Church at Thyatira

Committed but Compromising

Revelation 2:18-29

1. The Character of Jesus 2:18 (:23b)

a. Eyes of *fire* feet of *bronze*

Jesus sees the true nature of the church!

b. What Jesus sees? 2 Co 5:10

Profession is one thing, practice is another—what we do is important. We are justified by faith but judged by what we do. (*The judgment seat of Christ...*)

2. The Approval 2:19

Four positive qualities:

1. Love
2. Faith
3. Service
4. Endurance

3. The Criticism 2:20 (:24b)

Sadly, it is possible to be growing in love, faith, service and endurance and still be compromising and seduced by the enemy!

a. The spirit of Jezebel 1 Kings 18-19

- Self proclaimed prophetess
1 Cor 14:29-33
- Self proclaimed teacher
- The deeper truths seduction (:24b)

4. The Advice 2:21-23

- Time to repent
- Her fate and the fate of those who follow her

5. The Assurance 2:24-29

No other burden

- The Kingdom
- The Power
- The Glory (the Morning Star)