



Seven: Letters of Revelation
Thyatira: More Tolerant than God
Revelation 2:18-29
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INTRODUCTION

**Do you or someone you know have a hobby or interest that no one else has?
Why is it tough to understand or explain why the hobby means so much?
How can explaining why the church is called to love and obey Jesus be difficult
in our culture?**

UNDERSTANDING

| Revelation 2:18-19.

From this passage, what do we learn about the strengths of the church at Thyatira?

What are some of the positive things that you see that the church in Thyatira was doing that are similar to New Vision today?

What difference does it make in your life to know that Jesus sees the impact that we make for His glory?

| Revelation 2:20-23.

From this passage, what do we learn about the weaknesses of the church at Thyatira?

Verses 21-23 include Jesus' harsh word of warning to the guilty in Thyatira. Why is the tolerance of sexual immorality so serious in God's eyes?

The sermon speaks about how we have become more tolerant than God when:

1. We have redefined tolerance.

How have you seen tolerance redefined in Christianity today?

Why it is never acceptable for us to accept teaching that contradicts what the Bible states?

Are there areas in your life that you have accepted as true that contradict the Bible? Why it is better to repent and live by God's Word rather than trying to be tolerant of sin?

Second, we have become more tolerant than God when:

2. We don't come under authority, but we become the authority.

What does it mean that you will live under the Bible's authority?

What are some areas that you struggle with living under the Bible's authority?

What are some things that your group can do to help you grow in being someone living under God's authority?

Finally, we become more tolerant than God when:

3. We fear the wrong judgment.

| Revelation 2:24-29.

Looking back at Revelation 2:18-29, what do you think Jesus' promise in verses 26-27 means? What do you appreciate most about His promise to those who overcome temptation in this section?

How might Christians appear different to a fallen world if we lived up to a higher calling in regard to sex, marriage, resources, as Jesus challenged the church at Thyatira to do?

As western culture continues to move away from its Christian roots, our Christian lifestyles will seem increasingly odd and old-fashioned. What then does it mean to be relevant in our methods but firm in our message?

APPLICATION

What characteristics of your life consistently show others that you are a different and changed person, focused on the cause of Christ above your personal desires? In what areas of your life do you need to work on this?

Practically speaking, how can being laser-focused on the cause of Christ help us run from sins that we tolerate?

Spend some time in prayer and reflection about areas of your life that you have been tolerant in that God is calling you to repent of today. Reflect as well of what changes would need to occur for this change to be made a reality in your life.