

2/6/2022 - Speaker - Al Schaap

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Series: "Letters From The King"

Message: "Letter to The Church in Thyatira, a Working Town: A Call for INTolerance"

The City of Thyatira: a working-person's town

The King Who sent the letter:

- _____ Son of _____
- Eyes like blazing fire!
- Feet like burnished bronze
- The One Who _____ -

→ The good: Things Jesus The King approves:

- The Church of Ephesus: doctrinal purity, perseverance, endurance
- Smyrna: suffering for righteousness, faithfulness to the point of death
- Pergamum: loving loyalty in the face of persecution
- Thyatira: hard-working growth and development
 - Love and faith
 - Service and perseverance
 - The _____ in good work... this church was a hard-working church in a hard-working town!

→ The bad: ... "Nevertheless" they were both hard-working and _____
_____!

- "Jezebel" -
 - Claims of authority/expertise
 - Results of her corrupt teaching
 - Her refusal to repent
 - Punishment was coming
- "those who commit adultery with her" -
 - Intense suffering... unless they repent
 - Death to Jezebel's children
 - _____ according to our _____

The King's Counsel:

1. Throw out all _____
2. Hold on to _____...and what you already have: love/faith/service/perseverance/growth...until He comes

The King's Promises for purity in our faithful hard work:

- Authority over the nations!
- "The Morning Star"!

Steps for no longer tolerating immorality:

...Begin w/ prayer: ask God to reveal any compromise.

...Read His Letters – this one and all His Word – listening to His Spirit

...Apply His Word at work. Some questions to ask ourselves as we work:

- Is this permissible - or is there a clear Biblical command/principle against it?
- Will this benefit those with/for whom I'm working (loving others)?
- Would this likely bring glory to God and help His concerns (loving God)?

...Ask God for courage to deal with any challenge to His ways...then trust Him.

...Get the support of other believers (especially at work, if available) to help each other stay true to God...and celebrate victories together for Him.

So much of The War of Eternity is fought in the daily trenches of our lives. Will I choose _____ or _____?

Key: THE, GOD; knows all about us; growth; tolerant of hard-living; repayment, deeds; immorality; holy ignorance; compromise, Christ