

SUBTLE SEDUCTIONS

Revelation 2:18-28
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INTRODUCTION:

Survey of the last four churches...

A. THE COMMENDATION OF THYATIRA

1. Commended for their character (v. 19)
2. Commended for their service (v. 19)

B. THE CONDEMNATION OF THYATIRA

1. The New Testament Jezebel (vv. 20-23)
2. The Old Testament Jezebel (1 Kings 16-21)
3. Today's Jezebel: How it manifests...
 - It uses control and **manipulation**.
 - It causes **fear** and guilt.
 - It is a master of **compromise**.
 - It craves the **spotlight**.
 - It takes advantage when **leadership** is weak.
 - It despises **authority**.
 - It operates in both **men** and **women** and different **generations**.

C. THE CALL FOR THYATIRA

1. **Resist** the Jezebel spirit (vv. 24-25)
2. **Rule** under the authority of Christ (vv. 26-28)

CONCLUSION

Jesus calls us to **humility** before **authority**.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker. If Jesus wrote a letter to our church today, what do you think He would commend us for? What might He warn us about?

Discussion Questions

I. The Commendation of Thyatira (v. 19)

1. What qualities did Jesus praise in the church at Thyatira? (Love, faith, service, and perseverance)
2. How can we as a church grow in these same qualities today?
3. Which of these qualities do you personally find most challenging?

II. The Condemnation of Thyatira (v. 20-23)

4. What was Jesus' main rebuke against Thyatira? (They tolerated false teaching and moral corruption.)
5. The passage references "Jezebel." How does her influence in Thyatira compare to the Jezebel of the Old Testament (1 Kings 16-17)?
6. The "Jezebel spirit" can be seen today in the form of manipulation, false teaching, and compromise. Where do you see similar influences in today's culture?
7. How can we discern and resist teachings or influences that lead us away from God's truth?

III. The Call to Hold Fast (v. 24-28)

8. What encouragement does Jesus give to those who remain faithful?
 9. What does it mean to "hold on to what you have until I come"? How do we do this in practical ways?
 10. Jesus promises authority over the nations and the gift of the **morning star** (v. 26-28). What do you think these rewards represent?
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Application & Personal Reflection

11. Is there any area in your life where you feel tempted to compromise your faith? How can you stand firm in truth?
 12. How can we as a Life Group encourage each other to remain faithful in the midst of cultural pressures?
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Prayer Time

- Pray for discernment and wisdom to recognize and resist false teachings.
- Ask God to strengthen the church in love, faith, service, and perseverance.
- Pray for those struggling with compromise, that they may find strength to stand firm.