



EARS2HEAR

THYATIRA

Faithful, loving, and patient Christians
can compromise
when their livelihood is threatened.











Revelation 2:18-19

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. I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

Revelation 2:20-25

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. I have **given** her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will **cast** her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will **strike** her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who **searches** hearts and minds, and I will **repay** each of you according to your deeds. 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."

**It is neither her gender
nor her gifting that is the issue**
but the stance she is taking
and the room she is given.

TOLERATE

ἀφίημι (*aphiēmi*)

"to send away or leave alone"

Matthew 15:12-14

Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

see also Mark 5:19; 11:6; 14:6; Luke 13:8; Acts 5:38

Jesus does not want faithful and loving believers
to be so patient
that they persevere with the wrong people
doing the wrong things!

Acts 5:38-39

“Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

MISLEAD

πλανάω (*planaō*)

"to cause to wander"

SEXUAL IMMORALITY

πορνεύω (*porneuō*)

"to commit fornication"

Numbers 25:1-2

While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate the sacrificial meal and bowed down before these gods. So Israel yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor. And the Lord's anger burned against them.

2 Kings 9:22

When Joram saw Jehu he asked, "Have you come in peace, Jehu?" "How can there be peace," Jehu replied, "as long as all the idolatry and witchcraft of your mother Jezebel abound?"

Revelation 13:15-18

The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

**What everyday living requires
is our skills not our soul;
our dedication to work
not our devotion to God.**

**It's easy to think that the public and private
need never meet.**

Revelation 2:26-29

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. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

