

TOLERANCE

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COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

¹²PUT ON THEN, AS GOD'S CHOSEN ONES,
HOLY AND BELOVED, COMPASSIONATE HEARTS,
KINDNESS, HUMILITY, MEEKNESS, AND PATIENCE,
¹³BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER AND,
IF ONE HAS A COMPLAINT AGAINST ANOTHER,

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COLOSSIANS 3:12-14

FORGIVING EACH OTHER; AS THE LORD
HAS FORGIVEN YOU, SO YOU ALSO
MUST FORGIVE. ¹⁴AND ABOVE ALL THESE
PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS EVERYTHING
TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY.

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"THE DEFINITION OF THE NEW TOLERANCE
IS THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL'S BELIEFS',
LIFESTYLE, AND PERCEPTION OF TRUTH CLAIMS
ARE EQUAL. THERE IS NO HIERARCHY OF TRUTH;

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YOUR BELIEFS AND MY BELIEFS ARE EQUAL AND ALL TRUTH IS RELATIVE... NOW TOLERANCE MEANS THAT YOU MUST NOT SAY THAT ANYBODY IS WRONG. YOU HAVE TO SAY ALL POSITIONS ARE EQUALLY VALID." —D.A. CARSON

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¹⁸"AND TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA WRITE: 'THE WORDS OF THE SON OF GOD, WHO HAS EYES LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE, AND WHOSE FEET ARE LIKE BURNISHED BRONZE. ¹⁹"I KNOW YOUR WORKS, YOUR LOVE AND FAITH AND SERVICE AND PATIENT ENDURANCE, AND THAT YOUR LATTER WORKS EXCEED THE FIRST. ²⁰BUT I HAVE THIS AGAINST YOU, THAT YOU TOLERATE THAT WOMAN JEZEBEL, WHO CALLS HERSELF A PROPHETESS AND IS TEACHING AND SEDUCING MY SERVANTS TO PRACTICE SEXUAL IMMORALITY AND TO EAT FOOD SACRIFICED TO IDOLS. ²¹I GAVE HER TIME TO REPENT, BUT SHE REFUSES TO REPENT OF HER SEXUAL IMMORALITY.

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²²BEHOLD, I WILL THROW HER ONTO A SICKBED, AND THOSE WHO COMMIT ADULTERY WITH HER I WILL THROW INTO GREAT TRIBULATION, UNLESS THEY REPENT OF HER WORKS, ²³AND I WILL STRIKE HER CHILDREN DEAD. AND ALL THE CHURCHES WILL KNOW THAT I AM HE WHO SEARCHES MIND AND HEART, AND I WILL GIVE TO EACH OF YOU ACCORDING TO YOUR WORKS. ²⁴BUT TO THE REST OF YOU IN THYATIRA, WHO DO NOT HOLD THIS TEACHING, WHO HAVE NOT LEARNED WHAT SOME CALL THE DEEP THINGS OF SATAN, TO YOU I SAY, I DO NOT LAY ON YOU ANY OTHER BURDEN.

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²⁵ONLY HOLD FAST WHAT YOU HAVE UNTIL I COME. ²⁶THE ONE WHO CONQUERS AND WHO KEEPS MY WORKS UNTIL THE END, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS, ²⁷AND HE WILL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS WHEN EARTHEN POTS ARE BROKEN IN PIECES, EVEN AS I MYSELF HAVE RECEIVED AUTHORITY FROM MY FATHER. ²⁸AND I WILL GIVE HIM THE MORNING STAR. ²⁹HE WHO HAS AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS TO THE CHURCHES."

—REVELATION 2:18-29

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MATTHEW 16:16

SIMON PETER REPLIED,
"YOU ARE THE CHRIST,
THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

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I. DECLARE WHAT IS RIGHT
ABOUT THIS CHURCH

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EPHESIANS 2:8-10

⁸FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED
THROUGH FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT
YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT
OF GOD, ⁹NOT A RESULT OF WORKS,
SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST.

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EPHESIANS 2:8-10

¹⁰FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED
IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS,
WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND,
THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.

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2. DIAGNOSE WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS CHURCH

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- 1) DESIRE TO FIT IN WITH THE CULTURE
- 2) FAILURE TO RIGHTLY DEFINE SIN
- 3) FORSAKING ABSOLUTE TRUTH
FOR RELATIVISM
- 4) MOVING CLOSED-HANDED ISSUES
INTO OPEN-HANDED ONES
- 5) FAILING TO TAKE A STAND
FOR TRUTH

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I TIMOTHY 6:20-21

²⁰O TIMOTHY, GUARD THE DEPOSIT ENTRUSTED TO YOU. AVOID THE IRREVERENT BABBLE AND CONTRADICTIONS OF WHAT IS FALSELY CALLED "KNOWLEDGE," ²¹FOR BY PROFESSING IT SOME HAVE SWERVED FROM THE FAITH.

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3. DETERMINE WHAT IS NEEDED IN OUR CHURCH

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1 JOHN 3:3

AND EVERYONE WHO THUS HOPES IN HIM
PURIFIES HIMSELF AS HE IS PURE.

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¹FINALLY, THEN, BROTHERS, WE ASK
AND URGE YOU IN THE LORD JESUS,
THAT AS YOU RECEIVED FROM US
HOW YOU OUGHT TO WALK AND
TO PLEASE GOD, JUST AS YOU ARE
DOING, THAT YOU DO SO MORE AND
MORE. ²FOR YOU KNOW WHAT
INSTRUCTIONS WE GAVE YOU
THROUGH THE LORD JESUS.
³FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD,
YOUR SANCTIFICATION: THAT YOU
ABSTAIN FROM SEXUAL IMMORALITY;
⁴THAT EACH ONE OF YOU KNOW
HOW TO CONTROL HIS OWN BODY
IN HOLINESS AND HONOR,

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⁵NOT IN THE PASSION OF LUST
LIKE THE GENTILES WHO DO NOT
KNOW GOD; ⁶THAT NO ONE
TRANSGRESS AND WRONG
HIS BROTHER IN THIS MATTER,
BECAUSE THE LORD IS AN AVENGER IN
ALL THESE THINGS, AS WE TOLD YOU
BEFOREHAND AND SOLEMNLY
WARNED YOU. ⁷FOR GOD HAS NOT
CALLED US FOR IMPURITY,
BUT IN HOLINESS. ⁸THEREFORE
WHOEVER DISREGARDS THIS,
DISREGARDS NOT MAN BUT GOD,
WHO GIVES HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO YOU.
—1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8

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RECOGNIZE GOD'S OWNERSHIP
OF YOUR BODY (1 COR. 6:18-20)

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2

RECLAIM YOUR MEMBERS
FOR GOD'S GLORY

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ROMANS 6:13

DO NOT PRESENT YOUR MEMBERS TO SIN AS
INSTRUMENTS FOR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS,
BUT PRESENT YOURSELVES TO GOD
AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FROM
DEATH TO LIFE, AND YOUR MEMBERS TO GOD
AS INSTRUMENTS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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MATTHEW 5:27-28

²⁷"YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID,
'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.'
²⁸BUT I SAY TO YOU THAT EVERYONE WHO LOOKS
AT A WOMAN WITH LUSTFUL INTENT
HAS ALREADY COMMITTED ADULTERY
WITH HER IN HIS HEART."

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"LUST IS A SEXUAL DESIRE THAT DISHONORS
ITS OBJECT AND DISREGARDS GOD."

—JOHN PIPER

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REMEMBER GOD'S PROMISE
IN THE HEAT OF TEMPTATION

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I CORINTHIANS 10:13

NO TEMPTATION HAS OVERTAKEN YOU THAT
IS NOT COMMON TO MAN. GOD IS FAITHFUL,
AND HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND
YOUR ABILITY, BUT WITH THE TEMPTATION
HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE WAY OF ESCAPE,
THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT.

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REPLAY GOD'S WARNING

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I THESSALONIANS 4:6

...THAT NO ONE TRANSGRESS AND
WRONG HIS BROTHER IN THIS MATTER,
BECAUSE THE LORD IS AN AVENGER
IN ALL THESE THINGS, AS WE TOLD YOU
BEFOREHAND AND SOLEMNLY WARNED YOU.

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RELY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT
TO MAKE YOU HOLY

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GALATIANS 5:16

BUT I SAY, WALK BY THE SPIRIT,
AND YOU WILL NOT GRATIFY
THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH.

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"THERE IS A TOLERATION WHICH
IS TREACHERY.THERE IS A PEACE WHICH
ISSUES IN PARALYSIS.THERE ARE HOURS
WHEN THE CHURCH MUST SAY "NO"
TO THOSE WHO ASK COMMUNION
WITH HER AND IN THE DOING
OF HER WORK UPON THE BASIS OF
COMPROMISE. SUCH STANDING ALOOF
MAY PRODUCE OSTRACISM AND
PERSECUTION BUT IT WILL MAINTAIN
POWER AND INFLUENCE. IF THE CHURCH
OF GOD IN THE CITIES OF TODAY
WERE ALOOF FROM THE MAXIMS
OF THE AGE, SEPARATED FROM
THE MATERIALISTIC PHILOSOPHIES
OF THE SCHOOLS,

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BEARING WITNESS ALONE TO THE
ALL SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST AND
THE PERFECTION OF HIS SALVATION,
EVEN THOUGH PERSECUTED AND
OSTRACIZED AND BRUISED,
IT WOULD BE TO THE CHURCH THAT
MEN WOULD LOOK IN THE HOUR
OF THEIR HEART-BREAK AND
SORROW AND NATIONAL NEED.
THE REASON WHY MEN DO NOT
LOOK TO THE CHURCH TODAY
IS BECAUSE SHE HAS DESTROYED HER
OWN INFLUENCE BY COMPROMISING
WITH THE THINGS OF THE WORLD."

—G. CAMPBELL MORGAN

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