



TALK IT OVER

Thyatira

BOTTOM LINE

In our faith, we don't get what we want, we get what we tolerate.

CONVERSATION STARTER

When you were a teenager, what was something you really wanted? Did you get it? Was "the juice worth the squeeze"? Was it as fulfilling as you hoped?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- 4½-minute intro to [Thyatira](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead... Ephesians 1:17-20 NIV

I know all the things you do. I have seen your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things... But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray... But I also have a message for the rest of you in Thyatira who have not followed this false teaching ("deeper truths," as they call them—depths of Satan, actually). I will ask nothing more of you except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come. Revelation 2:19-20, 24-25 NLT

"What we tolerate keeps us from how God wants to work in our life."
– Dave VanDonge

"The more seriously you take sin, the more seriously you take the cross."
– Dave VanDonge

TALK IT OVER

Which of Thyatira's strong commendations would you most want to receive? Which would you be most unlikely to receive? Where in your life have you learned that you get what you tolerate? Discuss the loss of influence of the church in today's society. How do you see it happening? How do you know what is truth? Yes, we follow the Bible, but what about varied interpretations of Scripture? How do you know what is right? Discuss how a Jesus follower can stand against sin without attacking people. How did Jesus do it? Who was Jezebel? What's the significance of encouraging others to sin? How do we casually do that? How can I be on guard against misleading others?

ACTION STEP

I will evaluate my life for toleration in the areas of relative truth and apathy toward sin. I will daily pray for God's wisdom and revelation and the courage to obey.