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**Study Guide**

**Message to the Pastor at Thyatira**

Thyatira was the next city in the circuitous route in which the letters given to John would be delivered to their pastors.

There is only one other mention of Thyatira in the Bible.

**Acts 16:14 (NLT)**

14 One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying.

Just outside the city was a “fane” or a temple or shrine where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “prophetic priestesses” called sibyls would go into a frenzy and make prophetic utterances supposedly from their god Apollo. The most famous of these sibyls in Thyatira was Sambatha.

Most of the cities in this time had patron gods. Apollo is one of the most important and complex of the Olympian deities in classical Greek and Roman religion and mythology. Apollo has been variously recognized as a god of music, truth and prophecy, healing, the sun and light, plague, poetry, and more. Apollo is the son of Zeus and Leto, and has a twin sister, the chaste huntress Artemis.

**Revelation 2:18-29 (NLT)**

18 “Write this letter to the angel of the church in Thyatira. This is the message from the Son of God, whose eyes are like flames of fire, whose feet are like polished bronze: 19 “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. 20 “But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. 21 I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality. 22 “Therefore, I will throw her on a bed of suffering, and those who commit adultery with her will suffer greatly unless they repent and turn away from her evil deeds. 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve. 24 “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 25 except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come. 26 To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, To them I will give authority over all the nations. 27 They will rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots. 28 They will have the same authority I received from my Father, and I will also give them the morning star! 29 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.

Jesus refers to Himself in a different way to each church. To the pastor of Thyatira He represents Himself as “the Son of God, whose eyes are like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of fire, whose feet are like polished \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

The Church at Thyatira is commended for six things:

1. Their works
2. Their love (charity)
3. Their service
4. Their faith
5. Their patience
6. Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ works

Jesus said He could see their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all of these areas.

In Christianity, we are either moving \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or we are falling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There is no in between!

Jesus had the following four things against the Church at Thyatira:

1. Permitting the false prophetess to teach.
	1. Her name was not “Jezebel” but she was a Jezebel.
	2. The “Jezebel’s” name was more than likely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Read Rev. 2:20,21

1. Permitting her to seduce Christ’s servants to commit fornication.
2. Permitting her to seduce Christians into eating things sacrificed to idols.
3. Tolerating her in spite of her impenitence.

**What Can We Learn From the Church in Thyatira?**

Works are important and we need to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Patience**
	1. How Does Patience Grow? Unfortunately, it grows as we go through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	2. It is very easy to discern if a person is “in the Word” or not. You can tell by their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	3. As we get into the Word, we realize, through these trials, that God is there and that He will always remain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Works and Increased Works**
	1. Works do NOT get us into heaven. **Eph. 2:8,9**
	2. **Ephesians 2:10 (KJV)**

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

God ordained (intended for) us, before we were even Christians, that once we believed in Christ, we should walk in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**James 2:14-26**

1. **Love**

We should love one another!

**1 John 4:7,8**

1. It is very possible for a Christian to live many years as a Christian but to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grow in his/her faith.

**Galatians 5:22-23 (BBE)**

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, a quiet mind, kind acts, well-doing, faith, 23 Gentle behaviour, control over desires: against such there is no law.

Fruit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on trees. It does not appear the moment the tree is planted. As the tree is watered and it receives sunshine, it grows and it bears fruit.

It is the same with us. We do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have to change \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ becoming a Christian. God accepts us just as we are. Then, He begins to change us by the indwelling Holy Spirit!

**Romans 5:8 (NLT)**

8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Fruit begins to grow and will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as we continue watering our spirits and as we continue to shine the light of God’s Word into our spirit!

Judge yourself to see if you are exhibiting these fruits!

**1 Corinthians 11:31 (GW)**

31 If we were judging ourselves correctly, we would not be judged.

You don’t have to love people exactly like Pastor David does. Don’t ever judge yourself according to others. Judge yourself according to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**Homework**

Homework: Read John chapter 15

Answer these questions. This is just for you, not the class.

1. What does it mean when the Bible says God is the husbandman or gardener?
2. Am I bearing fruit in my life?
3. What kinds of fruit are apparent in my life to other people?
4. What kinds of fruit in my life are apparent to me?
5. Are you “abiding” in the Word of God?
6. Do you read God’s Word daily?
7. According to John 15:8, what brings God much pleasure?
8. According to John 15:14 what must we do to be Christ’s friend?
9. In John 15:26 who does Jesus say He would send from the Father to testify of Him?
10. Do you sense the power of the Holy Spirit in your life daily?

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_