



Part 4

**7 HABITS OF
HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
CHURCHES**

Revelation 2:18-29



**Sin should not feel
at home at Harvest.**



The Church of Thyatira

Revelation 2:18-29

modern day **TURKEY**

Pergamos

Smyrna

Ephesus

Laodicea

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia



Trade Guilds

- Purple Garments (Lydia Acts 16:14)
- Wool , Linen
- Bronze- Metal Workers
- Potters
- Tanners
- Leather Workers





Guild Deities & Festivals

- Apollo
- Dionysus
- Artemis
- The Shrine of Sambethe





Guild Culture

Idol Worship

Sexual Immorality



Jesus' Introduction

**“The words of the Son of God,
who has eyes like a flame of fire,
and whose feet are like burnished
bronze.”**

Revelation 2:18

1. Son of God

Divine Authority – *The power to judge righteously*

Divine Praise Worthiness – *One and only Son of God*

Divine Holiness – *“The Holy One”*

2. Eyes like a flame of fire

Omniscience - *Nothing is hidden from His sight*

Penetrating Judgment - *Ability to see through all deception*

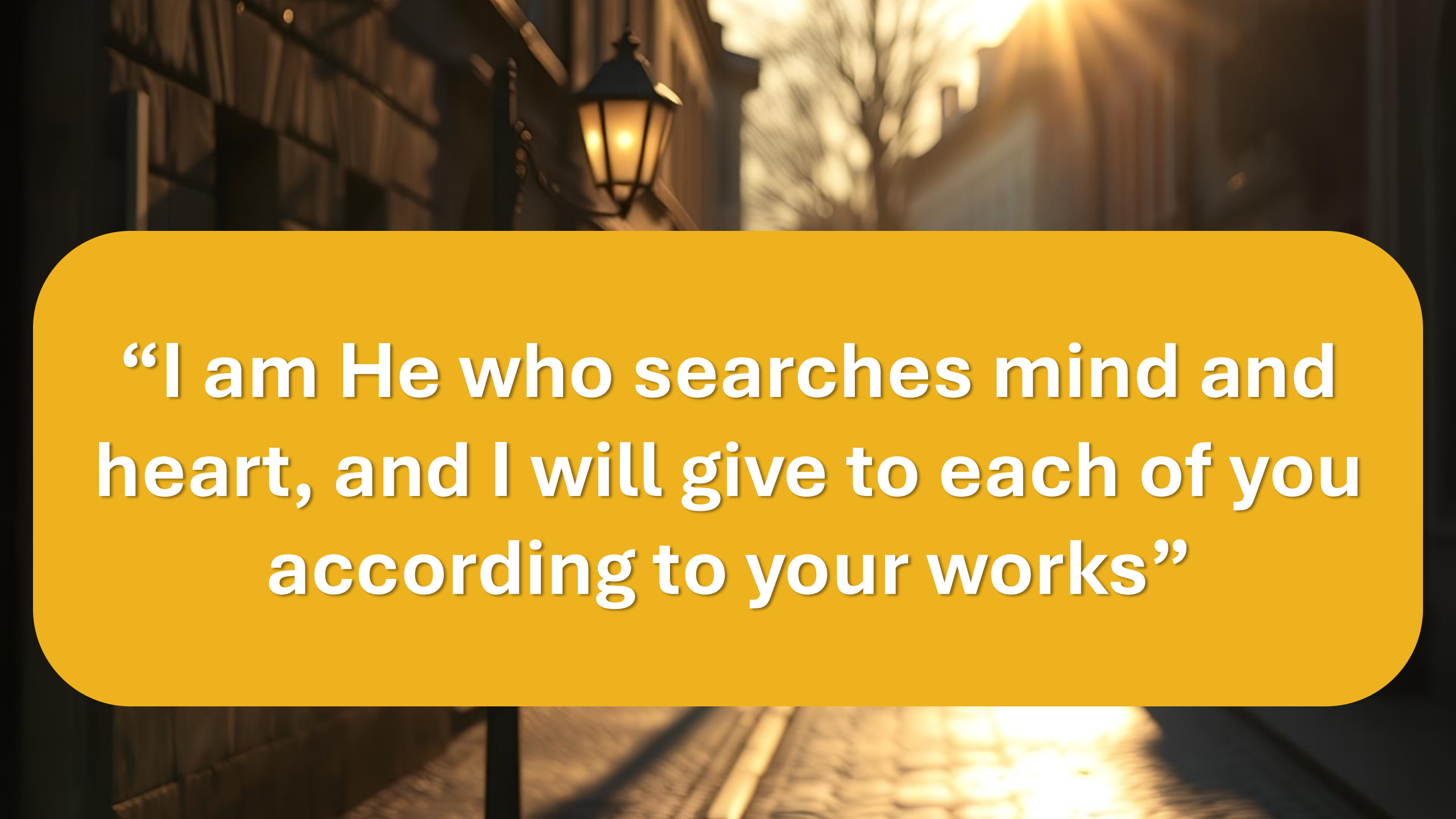
Holiness and Purity - *Fire reveals and Purifies*

3. Feet like burnished bronze

Stability / Strength / Eternality – *His Kingdom will never end*

Judgment and Holiness – *Judgement and removal of Sin*

Atonement – *reconciling sinful humanity with a holy God*



“I am He who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works”

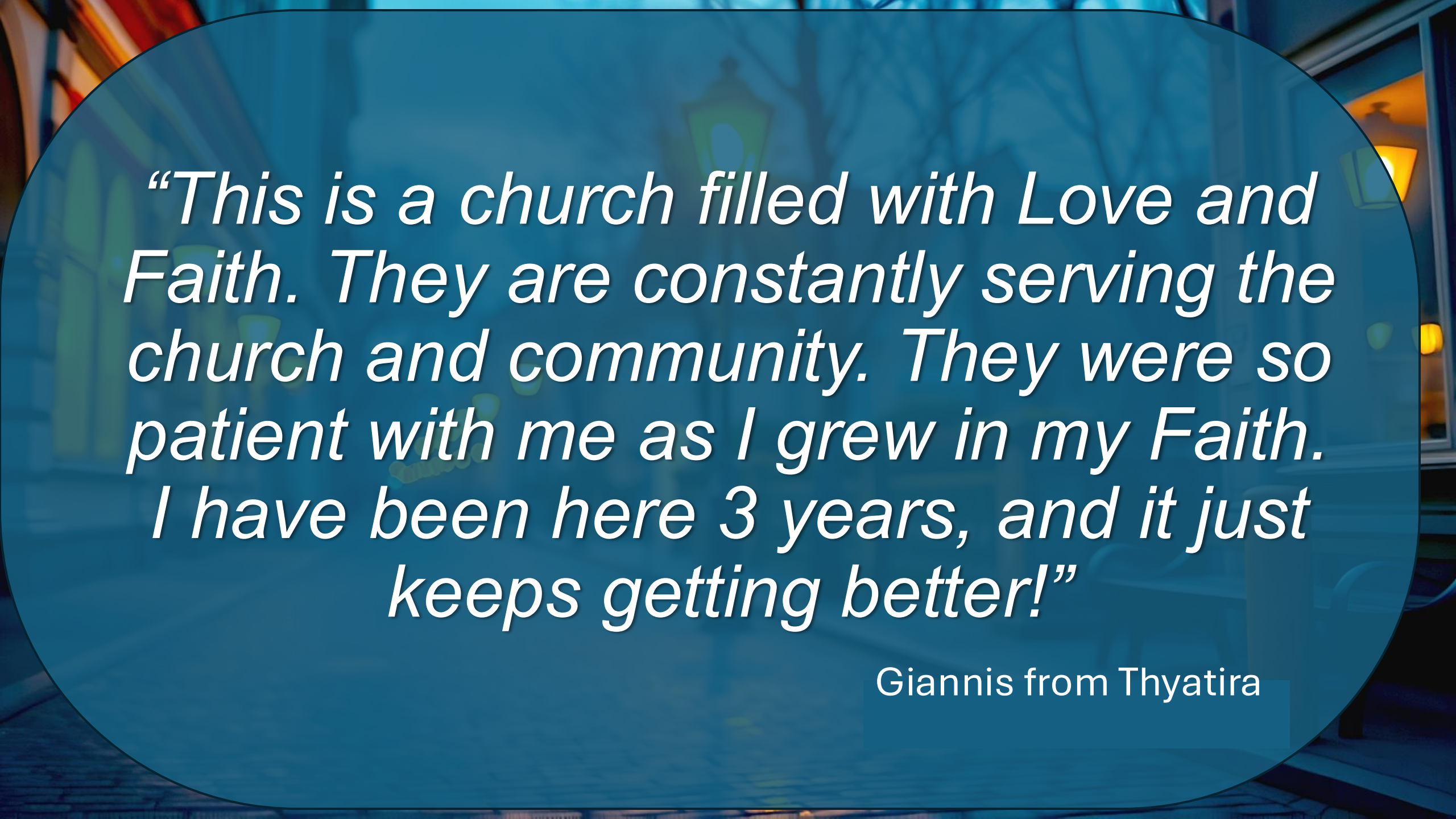


**I know your works, your love
and faith and service and patient
endurance, and that your latter
works exceed the first.**

Revelation 2:19



The Church of Thyatira would have 5 stars on Google and a lot of reviews of love and life change.



“This is a church filled with Love and Faith. They are constantly serving the church and community. They were so patient with me as I grew in my Faith. I have been here 3 years, and it just keeps getting better!”

Giannis from Thyatira

But 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.

Revelation 2:20



Jezebel

Jezebel

1. Self- Proclaimed Prophetess
2. False Teacher
3. Leads through Deception
4. Leads to Destruction
5. Rejects God's Grace



Jezebel's Lie

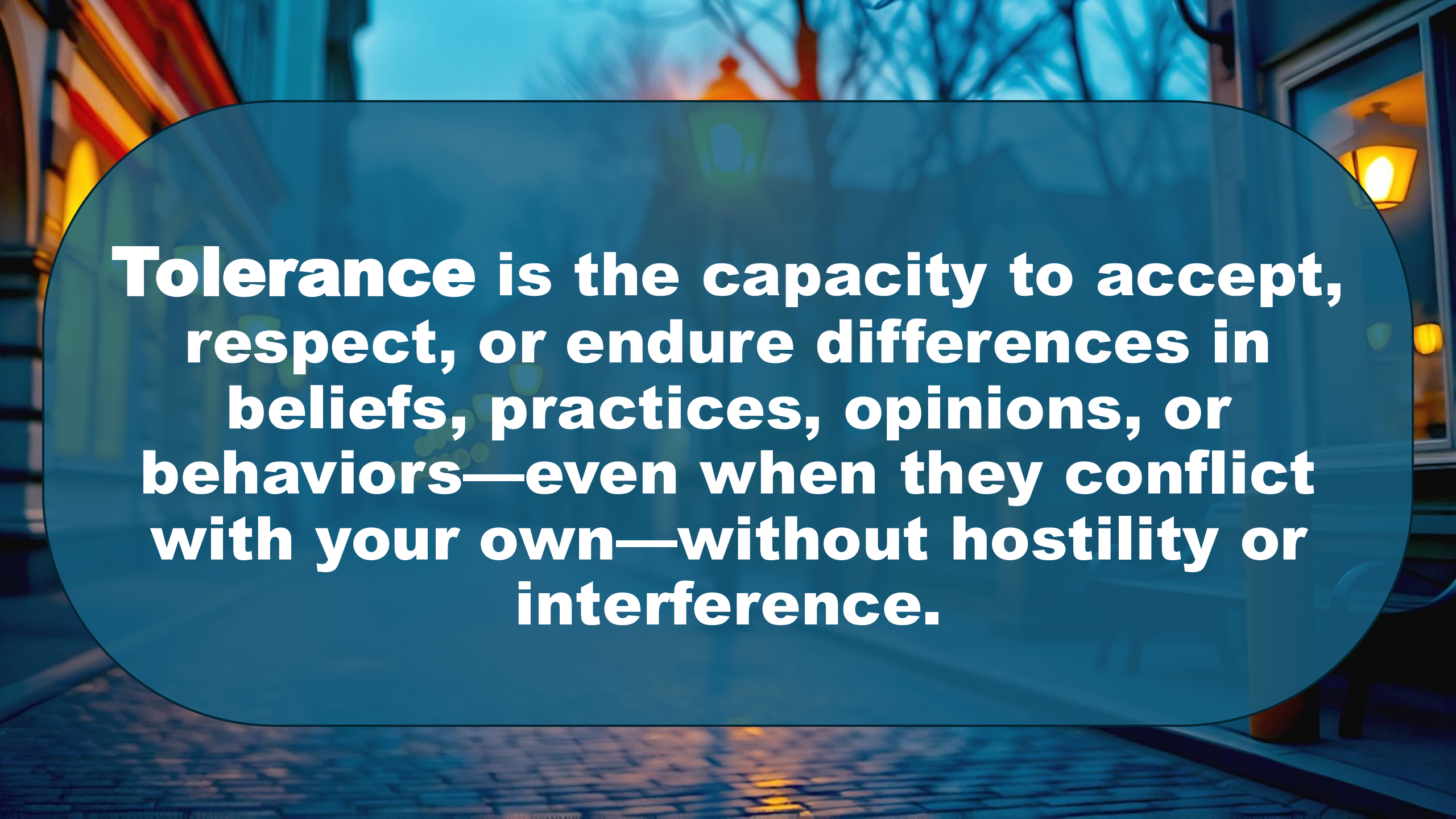
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Tolerance



Tolerance is the capacity to accept, respect, or endure differences in beliefs, practices, opinions, or behaviors—even when they conflict with your own—without hostility or interference.



**Has your silence led them to
believe you and God are good
with their sin?**



Jesus' Response

I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. Behold, 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, and 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.

Revelation 2:20–23

JESUS' RESPONSE TO THOSE WHO TOLERATE SIN

1. Calls for repentance
2. Promises judgment for Jezebel
and her disciples
3. Warns her followers
4. Warns the churches

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JESUS' RESPONSE TO THOSE WHO DID NOT TOLERATE SIN

But 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. Only hold fast what you have until I come. The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, and 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. And I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Revelation 2:24–29.

JESUS' RESPONSE TO THOSE WHO DO NOT TOLERATE SIN

1. I See You
2. Stay Strong
3. Keep My Works

Jezebel

1. Human
2. Self- Proclaimed
3. Justifies Sin
4. Deceives
5. Leads to Destruction
6. Rejects God's Grace

Jesus

1. Divine/Eternal
2. Jesus Son of God
3. Warns of Sins Cost
4. Speaks Absolute Truth
5. Leads to Victory
6. Offers God's Grace



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Revelation 2:26–29.

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Questions to Consider:

- 1. Does sin feel comfortable in your life?**
- 2. Do you need to repent?**
- 3. Has your silence led someone to believe you are comfortable with their sin?**
- 4. Are you overwhelmed with holding to the truth?**

Week

Ephesus (2:1-7)

Smyrna (2:8-11)

Pergamos (2:12-17) ...

Thyatira (2:18-29)

Sardis (3:1-6)

Philadelphia (3:7-13) ...

Laodicea (3:14-22)

Diagnostic Question

Do I love Jesus as deeply as when I first followed Him?

Am I faithful to God when obedience is costly?


Where am I tolerating compromise in truth or practice?

Is my love matched by personal holiness?

Am I spiritually alive—or just busy and respectable?

Am I obeying God even when I feel weak?

What am I relying on more than Christ?



Tolerance is the allowable range of deviation from a perfect value.



There is a tolerance of .060mm and .087 mm for the clearance between the cylinder wall and the piston skirt.

That means I have .027 mm of wiggle room!



Zero Tolerance