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LETTERS
OF REVELATION

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Revelation 2:1-7

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² “‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil,

Revelation 2:1-7

but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

Revelation 2:1-7

⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Revelation 2:1-7

⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

Revelation 1:12-19

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

Revelation 1:12-19

¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars,

Revelation 1:12-19

from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,

Revelation 1:12-19

¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹ Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

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A love for Jesus

→ *A love for the things about Jesus*

Gratitude filled expressions of worship

→ *Heartless religious habits*

A passionate pursuit of holiness

→ *Moralistic living [legalism]*

Kindhearted sacrificial service

→ *Duty Driven Performance*

Joyful hospitality

→ *Selfish isolation and exclusivity*

Compassionate expressions of mission

→ *Worldly tolerance or self-righteous intolerance.*

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The Church at Ephesus

It is a great sin to break the greatest commandment. And no amount of work and service for Jesus will ever make up for not loving Jesus.

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