

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

GOOD WORKS AND A BAD WOLF | Revelation 2:18-29

WORSHIP

How can your discipleship group start with **worship** today?

WALK

Spend time **understanding** and **applying** God's Word.

1. REVIEW + UNDERSTAND

What is Jesus telling us about himself in this intro? Why do you think He starts all of these letters with a glimpse of who He is?

Read Revelation 2:18-29. In what ways was the church at Thyatira commended? Go further than just listing the words. What might that have looked like in the early church?

As with most of the churches in these chapters, some members of the church of Thyatira were harshly rebuked. What was their error?

It can seem confusing on the first read. We are told to be gracious and kind with one another - to show forbearance (literally to bear with one another) and love. Why was the error of tolerating this woman's wrong teaching such a grave mistake?

2. ASSESS + APPLY

As we turn to examine our own hearts and lives in light of the commendations and corrections here, let's start with the commendations. Take an inventory of how you've been growing. Where were you three years ago in the areas you mentioned above? What about 10 years ago? What specific point of Spirit-empowered growth are you most encouraged by?

Where is the Holy Spirit bringing conviction that you might need to continue to intentionally pursue growth?

Let's continue on with an assessment of the issues raised in rebuke. How likely are you to, in love and grace, point out doctrinal error in the thought patterns of those in your discipleship group? Do you see that as your role or is that only the responsibility of the leader?

Jesus was so gracious and kind while being totally just in His condemnation of false doctrine and those who tolerate it. How can you apply that standard to the way in which you interact with each other on issues of truth and love in your group?

PRAYERS & APPLICATIONS

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5 DAY READING PLAN

Each day answer the questions: What does it **say**? What does it **mean**? How should I **respond**?

DAY 1 Rev. 2:18-29	DAY 2 1 Kings 18-19	DAY 3 Matt 13:24-30	DAY 4 Psalm 2	DAY 5 1 Cor. 3:11-15
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WORK

How should this message affect how you **serve one another**?

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WITNESS

How should this message affect how you **share the Gospel**?

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