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To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. ² I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴ Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. ⁶ But you have this in your favour: you hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Seven Churches of Revelation

— Chapters 2-3 —

- 1 Ephesus
- 2 Smyrna
- 3 Pergamos
- 4 Thyatira
- 5 Sardis
- 6 Philadelphia
- 7 Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision





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Commendation

Dilligence: *"I know your deeds, your hard work"*



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Diligence

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms” 1 Peter 4:10

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” Ephesians 2:10



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Commendation

Dilligence: *"I know your deeds, your hard work"*

Endurance: *"You have persevered and suffered hardships for my name"*



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Endurance

“Consider it pure joy my brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything” James 1:3-4



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Commendation

Dilligence: *"I know your deeds, your hard work"*

Endurance: *"You have persevered and suffered hardships for my name"*

Orthodoxy: *"I know that you cannot tolerate evil men, that you have tested those that claim to be apostles, but are not, and have found them to be false"*



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Complaint

“Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first.”



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Complaint

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-3



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Advice

Remember – Consider how far you have fallen!

Repent

Do the things you did at first



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Do!

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” Ezekiel 36:26

“Come near to God and He will come near to you.” James 4:8

“We love because he first loved us.” 1 John 4:19



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Warning!

The lights will go out! - "If you do not repent I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place"



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Promise

“To him who overcomes I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God”