

# Discipleship Group

## LETTERS TO THE CHURCH

### Thyatira Group Study

**Full Message:** <https://youtu.be/7pqVcSYkuUM?si=ZHkMUGnIM75ho7wl>

This week, we continued our *Letters to the Church* series by exploring the letter to Thyatira in Revelation 2:18–29. Jesus commended the church for their love, faith, service, and perseverance, but He also rebuked them for tolerating false teaching that led to compromise. His warning is against Jezebel, not a person in the Thyatiran church by that name, but a spirit reflective of the person of Jezebel in the old testament: an attitude that undermines spiritual authority, blurs moral clarity, and normalises compromise under the guise of freedom. In contrast, Jesus calls us to unity, to holiness, and to confront compromise head on. The challenge for us today is to discern between what is “almost right” and what is truly of God, holding fast to truth and holiness until He comes.

#### Key Takeaways:

- **Discernment matters** – Spurgeon said, “Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong; it’s knowing the difference between right and almost right.”
- **Tolerance can be deadly** – Thyatira’s issue was not persecution but compromise through false teaching.
- **A Jezebel attitude undermines truth** – It divides, entices toward comfort-driven faith, and blurs moral clarity.
- **A Jesus attitude strengthens truth** – It builds unity, calls for holiness, and confronts compromise.
- **Counterfeit beliefs still creep in today** – Lies like “follow your heart,” “authority is toxic,” or “sexual ethics are outdated” must be measured against God’s Word.
- **Victory comes through holding fast** – Jesus promises authority to those who remain faithful to the end.

#### HOW DO WE KNOW IF IT’S A JEZEBEL ATTITUDE?

1. Undermines spiritual authority - causing division
2. Blurs moral clarity
3. Entices believers toward self centered, comfort driven faith
4. Normalises compromise under the guise of freedom or relevance

#### HOW DO WE KNOW IF IT’S A JESUS ATTITUDE?

1. Under spiritual authority - They are building unity not division
2. Are clear morally
3. Calling people to God glorying, others serving sacrificial faith
4. Confronts compromise, doesn’t encourage it



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## CULTURAL LIES THAT COME FROM A JEZEBEL SPIRIT

### “GOD WANTS ME TO BE HAPPY” (ABOVE ALL ELSE)

**1 Peter 1:15-16 NIV** But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

### “I AM THE CHURCH, SO I DON'T NEED THE CHURCH”

**Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### “FOLLOW YOUR HEART/LIVE YOUR TRUTH”

**John 14:6 NIV** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

### “LEADERSHIP IS ABUSIVE. AUTHORITY IS TOXIC”

**Hebrews 13:17 NIV** Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

### “SEXUAL ETHICS ARE FLUID/OUTDATED”

**1 These 4:3-5 NIV** It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honourable, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God;

### “DON'T JUDGE ME”

**1 Cor 5:12-13 NLT** It isn’t my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. 13 God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, “You must remove the evil person from among you.”

## Questions

1. Why is “almost right” sometimes more dangerous than outright wrong?
2. Which of the modern cultural lies (listed above) is/are the most challenging for you personally to recognise as a lie?
3. How can you actively move away from this lie and embrace God’s truth?
4. How does a “Jesus attitude” differ from a “Jezebel attitude”?
5. In what areas of your life might compromise or “almost right” thinking be creeping in?
6. How can you strengthen your discernment so that you recognise counterfeit beliefs quickly?
7. What would it look like for you to actively hold fast to truth in a culture of tolerance?
8. Who in your world have you given permission to keep you accountable in holiness and integrity?

