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**The Church At Thyatira: Holiness Matters**

**Key Truth:** Jesus calls His followers to a standard of living that sets them apart from the rest of the world.

**The Character Of The Church In Thyatira:**

1. They were known for their love for one another.

2. They were continually growing in love and faithfulness.

3. They allowed a false teacher name Jezebel to have

 influence in the church.

4. Sexual immorality was rampant in the church.

**Why Sexual Holiness Matters:**

1. God redeemed us to reflect His holiness. **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

2. Committing sexual immorality is a sin against the temple

 of God. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

3. To practice sexual immorality is to disregard the will

 and the Spirit of God. **1 Thessalonians 4:1-8**

**Principles To Live By:**

1. Jesus calls His church to a high standard in regard to

 sexual purity.

2. Godless choices have consequences. **Hebrews 12:17**

3. Holiness is still in style no matter the generation we live

 in. **1 Peter 1:13-16**

4. Jesus holds every Christian accountable for the life they

 live.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Look to God’s Word and the Holy Spirit as your guide for righteous living.

**Food For Thought**

How would you describe our culture’s view of sex? How is sex portrayed in various forms of media (social, movies, blogs, etc.)?

What do you think is the primary source that people in our community end up trusting for their convictions about sexual behavior?

What does the symbolic name “Jezebel” reveal about the women in this church (see 2 Kings 9:7-37)?

Verses 21-23 include Jesus’ harsh word of warning to the guilty in Thyatira. Why is sexual immorality so serious in God’s eyes?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11: How do each of the sexual sins Paul describes in verses 9-10 go against God’s plan for sex?

How should our actions regarding sexual immorality be different, according to verse 11? What role does the gospel play in our understanding of biblical sexuality?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20: How do we see the truth of the gospel confirmed in verses 18-20? What does it mean that our bodies are not our own?

Do you agree that sexual sins have a more personal impact than “every other sin”?

Looking back at Revelation 2:18-29, what do you think Jesus’ promise in verses 26-27 means? What do you appreciate most about His promise to those who overcome temptation in this section?