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Teaching Notes

Series: Doing Church God's Way, Part 1

Main Text: Rev 2:1-7

NLT Revelation 2:1 "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Ephesus. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands: 2 "I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. 3 You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. 4 But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! 5 Look how far you have fallen from your first love! Turn back to me again and work as you did at first. If you don't, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place among the churches. 6 But there is this about you that is good: You hate the deeds of the immoral Nicolaitans, just as I do. 7 "Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Everyone who is victorious will eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

1. Meeting or exceeding expectations

A) Jesus values _____

B) Jesus applauds patient _____

C) Jesus expects us to affirm _____ and reject _____

2. Not meeting expected outcomes

A) Jesus highlights the core value of _____

B) Jesus expects us to evaluate our _____

Am I stewarding every opportunity to share my _____?

He doesn't want us _____ our Christianity to have the _____ life

He wants us to actively _____ with the _____

God's reward will be to eat of the _____ of _____

How are we doing?