

THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS

REVELATION 2:1-7



RECIPIENT:

angel of the church of Ephesus.



SENDER:

"The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands."



APPRAISAL – POSITIVE:

"I know your works,"

- ✓ your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil
- ✓ but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not and found them to be false.
- ✓ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.



ANOTHER POSITIVE:

"Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate."



A CALL TO RESPOND:

"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first."



CONSEQUENCE:

If not, I will come to you and remove your candlestick (lampstand) from its place, unless you repent.



Matthew 5:14-16

¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



APPRAISAL – NEGATIVE:

"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. . . ."



AGAPĒ (LOVE) –

- Self-giving
- Committed love
- They had lost their passion
- Whole-hearted love



Matthew 22:37

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.



THE INJUNCTION:

"He who has an ear, let him hear. . . ."



A PROMISE:

"To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."

