

Christ's Instructions for Ongoing Church Effectiveness

Revelation 2:1-7, Vance Christie
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1. _____ for the Lord

A. Verse 2a – Romans 16:6, 12; 2 Corinthians 6:4-5; 11:27;
Hebrews 6:10

B. Illustration and applications

2. _____ discernment and orthodoxy

A. Verse 2b – Acts 20:17, 28-31; Titus 1:10-11; 1 John 4:1-6;
2 John 7-11

B. Example

C. Why is considerable discernment and caution needed today toward various “spiritual” teachings?

3. _____ for Christ's name

A. Verse 3

- “for my name's sake” – John 15:20-21; Acts 5:41; 1 Peter 4:14
- Examples of such hardship in Ephesus – Acts 19:23-41;
2 Timothy 1:8; 4:14-15

B. Christian hardships (opposition faced) in some parts of the world
and here in the USA:

4. Moral _____

A. Verse 6

(1) Ephesus was a thoroughly pagan city:

(2) Who were the Nicolaitans? (see also 2:14-16, 20-23)

B. Applications concerning hating all sin as the Lord does –
Proverbs 6:16-19

5. Maintaining _____ for the Lord and others

A. Verse 4 – 1 John 3:11-24; 4:7-21

B. Verse 5a – Three steps to correcting the problem:

C. Verse 5b – A startling warning:

D. Example and closing applications