

AfterThoughts

July 3, 2022

Sermon Title: Thyatira: The Wandering Church

Scripture: [Revelation 2:18–29](#)

This week, Pastor David continued the sermon series from Revelation, looking at the church at Thyatira.

Going Deeper:

- Think about your life as a follower of Christ. Has there been growth and progress in your Christian life? Explain.
- When are you tempted to “want it both ways”? How do you fight that temptation?
- Pastor David shared that Jesus’ message to the believers in Thyatira is the clarion call to turn from our tendency toward a divided heart. Which type of idolatry (*described from Tim Keller’s book, Counterfeit Gods*), is a temptation for you?
- How are you encouraged by God’s willingness to forgive you when you repent of your idolatry and divided heart?

Additional Information:

[1 Kings 16–19](#)

[Counterfeit Gods](#) by [Tim Keller](#)

LIFE ONLY HAS MEANING/I ONLY HAVE WORTH IF...

1. *I have power and influence over others.” (Power Idolatry)*
2. *I am loved and respected by ____.” (Approval Idolatry)*
3. *I have this kind of pleasure experience, a particular quality of life.” (Comfort idolatry)*
4. *I am able to get mastery over my life in the area of ____.” (Control Idolatry)*
5. *People are dependent on me and need me.” (Helping Idolatry)*
6. *Someone is there to protect me and keep me safe.” (Dependence Idolatry)*
7. *I am completely free from obligations or responsibilities to take care of someone.” (Independence Idolatry)*
8. *I am highly productive and getting a lot done.” (Work Idolatry)*
9. *I am being recognized for my accomplishments, and I am excelling in my work.” (Achievement Idolatry)*
10. *I have a certain level of wealth, financial freedom, and very nice possessions.” (Materialism Idolatry)*

11. *I am adhering to my religion's moral codes and accomplished in its activities.* (Religion Idolatry)
12. *My race and culture is ascendant and recognized as superior.* (Racial/cultural Idolatry)
13. *A particular social grouping or professional grouping or other group lets me in.* (Inner ring Idolatry)
14. *My children and/or my parents are happy and happy with me.* (Family Idolatry)
15. *Mr. or Ms. "Right" is in love with me.* (Relationship Idolatry)
16. *I am hurting, in a problem; only then do I feel worthy of love or able to deal with guilt.* (Suffering Idolatry)
17. *My political or social cause is making progress and ascending in influence or power.* (Ideology Idolatry)
18. *I have a particular kind of look or body image.* (Image Idolatry)

May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

~ Numbers 6:24-26

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