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Rev. 2:1-7



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- **The Address, v.1-2**
 - “To the angel of the church...”
 - “He that holds the seven stars in His right hand...”
 - “He that walks in the midst of the seven golden lamp stands...”
 - “I know your works...”

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- **The Good, v.2-3, 6**
 - **They toiled, labored**
 - **Taught the Word, did not grow weary**
 - **Patience**
 - **Through trials they were patient, endured**
 - **Patience is learned, not taught**
 - **Cannot bear those that are evil**
 - **Do not tolerate sin, or those in sin**
 - **Stand up for the truth of righteousness**

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- **The Good, v.2-3, 6**
 - **Have tested so-called apostles, found them to be liars**
 - **Were able to judge based on the Word**
 - **Have borne through trials**
 - **Were willing to bear (II Tim. 3:12)**
 - **Hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans**
 - **Hated the deeds, not the people**
 - **Attempted to control others by religion**

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- **The Bad, v.4,5**
 - Had left their first love
 - Instead of zeal, love for Christ motivating their actions, they had become self-serving in their motivations
 - Had need of repentance
 - Shows that attitudes and motivations can be condemned

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- **The Bad, v.4,5**
 - **Had need of remembering the way they were at the start**
 - **Have the zeal of a new convert, motivated out of a desire to please God**

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- **The Conclusion, v.5,7**
 - **The Consequence of not Repenting**
 - **Christ will remove their candlestick**
 - **Will not dwell in the light, will be condemned**
 - **We cannot just “go through the routines” Mt. 15:8**

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- **The Conclusion, v.5,7**
 - **The Motivation to Change**
 - **Eat of the tree of life, paradise of God**
 - **Eat of the tree – living forever**
 - **Paradise of God – Where we will get to live forever with God**
 - » **Compare – Garden of Eden**
- **Will ours be a church that will do all the right things but for the wrong reasons?**