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KEYS

for growth & change

Part 4

I. Introduction:

Moments of Insight from Jesus:

Church of EPHESUS - Remember – Repent – Repeat

Church of SMYRNA - He is real, He is near, and he knows

Church of PERGAMUM - The light of truth helps you recognize danger

¹⁸ “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

²⁰ *Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. ²⁴ Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets (I will not impose any other burden on you): ²⁵ Only hold on to what you have until I come.*

²⁶ *To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— ²⁷ ‘He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery’— just as I have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ I will also give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **Revelation 2:18-29***

II. Background

1. The CORRESPONDENT - Verse 18

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2. The CITY

3. The CHURCH

III. The **COMMENDATION** – “This is what I like.” Verse 19

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IV. The **CONDEMNATION** – “We need to talk about this.” Verse 20-21

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Errors in the prophetess' life:

1. A misuse of **SCRIPTURE**
2. She grabbed **AUTHORITY**
3. Her refusal to **REPENT**
4. Her spiritual **ELITISM**

Balancing **TRUTH** and **TOLERANCE** Verse 24-25

Tolerance:

1. Truth without tolerance – **LEGALISM**
2. Tolerance without truth – **LIBERALISM**
3. Truth with tolerance – **BALANCE**

V. The **REWARD** Verse 26-28

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