

THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT SMYRNA

SCRIPTURE: REVELATION 2:8-11

INTRODUCTION

THE CHURCH AT SMYRNA IS ONE OF TWO CHURCHES IN THE REVELATION WHO RECEIVED A MESSAGE WITH BEING REPRIMANDED. THE SMYRNAN CHURCH RECEIVED A COMMENDATION AND AN EXHORTATION.

I. FAITHFUL IN COMMUNION WITH GOD

ACTS 6:4 BUT WE WILL GIVE OURSELVES CONTINUALLY TO PRAYER, AND TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD.

A. A FAITHFUL PRAYER LIFE

EPHESIANS 6:18A PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT....

B. FAITHFULLY STUDYING GOD'S WORD

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

C. A CONSISTENT ATTITUDE OF WORSHIP

II. FAITHFUL IN GIVING

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7B FOR GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.

A. CONSISTENT IN CONTRIBUTING OF FINANCES

1. AS WE PURPOSE IN OUR HEARTS
2. WE ARE NOT OUR OWN

B. CONSISTENT IN GIVING OF OURSELVES

1. THE "HIRED SERVANT" ATTITUDE
 - A. FIVE O'CLOCK AND PAYDAY
 - B. NOT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY
2. THE SON VS. THE HIRED SERVANT

III. FAITHFUL IN SERVICE

EZEKIEL 22:30 AND I SOUGHT FOR A MAN AMONG THEM, THAT SHOULD MAKE UP THE HEDGE, AND STAND IN THE GAP

BEFORE ME FOR THE LAND, THAT I SHOULD NOT DESTROY IT, BUT I FOUND NONE.

ISAIAH 6:8 ALSO I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD, SAYING, WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US? THEN SAID I, HERE AM I; SEND ME.

A. FINDING OUR NICHE AND BEING FAITHFUL THERE

B. THE DANGER OF THE "SPECTATOR" ATTITUDE