

## MORE LESSONS FROM THE SEVEN CHURCHES!

THE LITERAL CITY & CHURCH	IMPRESSIVE/UNIMPRESSIVE	CONDEMNED/COMMENDED	CALLED TO REPENT
(Revelation 2:1a ESV) “To the angel of <b>the church in EPHESUS</b> write ...”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IMPRESSIVE:</b> hard working, patient endurance, strong doctrine, did not tolerate false teachers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONDEMNED:</b> a church which had lost its sense of priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>REPENT:</b> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; <b>repent</b>, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you <b>repent</b> (Revelation 2:5 ESV).</li> </ul>
(Revelation 2:8a ESV) “And to the angel of <b>the church in SMYRNA</b> write ...”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Unimpressive:</b> extreme material poverty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commended:</b> ✓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NOT CALLED TO REPENT</b>—&gt;“<b>Be faithful unto death.</b>”</li> </ul>
(Revelation 2:12a ESV) “And to the angel of <b>the church in PERGAMUM</b> write ...”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IMPRESSIVE:</b> held fast Christ’s name where Satan dwells; faithfulness in the midst of the great evil of a city shrouded in emperor worship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONDEMNED:</b> a compromised church, defeated by heresy and immorality, not hold true to the word of truth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>REPENT:</b> Therefore <b>repent</b>. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth (Revelation 2:16 ESV).</li> </ul>
(Revelation 2:18 ESV) “And to the angel of <b>the church in THYATIRA</b> write ...”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IMPRESSIVE:</b> hard-working, loving, faithful, serving, enduring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONDEMNED:</b> a compromised church, defeated by a female false teacher—Jezebel, undermined by the threat of material insecurity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>REPENT:</b> I gave her time to <b>repent</b>, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they <b>repent</b> of her works (Revelation 2:21–22 ESV).</li> </ul>
(Revelation 3:1 ESV) “And to the angel of <b>the church in SARDIS</b> write ...”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IMPRESSIVE:</b> great reputation, an “alive” church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONDEMNED:</b> dead, had the gospel wrong, so church full of dead people</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>REPENT:</b> Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and <b>repent</b>. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you (Revelation 3:3 ESV).</li> </ul>
(Revelation 3:7 ESV) “And to the angel of <b>the church in PHILADELPHIA</b> write ...”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Unimpressive:</b> small, little power</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commended:</b> ✓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NOT CALLED TO REPENT</b>—&gt;“<b>You have kept my word about patient endurance ... hold fast what you have.</b>”</li> </ul>
(Revelation 3:14 ESV) “And to the angel of <b>the church in LAODICEA</b> write ...”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IMPRESSIVE:</b> rich, successful, need nothing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONDEMNED:</b> wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>REPENT:</b> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and <b>repent</b> (Revelation 3:19 ESV).</li> </ul>