INTRODUCTION

Note: Thyatira was a busy, hard-working town! They were famous for their production of <u>purple</u> dye.

(Acts 16:14)

Note: Thyatira sat along an important, prosperous <u>trade</u> route, and it was known for its many business guilds or labor unions.

Note: Each one of these guilds and unions paid homage to and worshipped various <u>idols</u> and deities that they believed would bless and prosper their business dealings.

I. WHEN DISCERNMENT AND COURAGE IS LACKING

Revelation 2:18 -

THE PICTURE of Jesus is one of exalted/divine power and <u>purity</u>.

Revelation 2:19 -

THE PORTRAYAL of Thyatira is noticeably like the <u>opposite</u> of Ephesus.

Revelation 2:20, 24 -

THE "PROPHETESS" was deceiving many into immorality and <u>idolatry</u>.

(Ephesians 4:1-3)

Note: It's easy to justify sin in the name of cheap <u>grace</u>!

Revelation 2:21-23a -

THE PATIENCE of God was sadly <u>rejected</u> and thus judgment was coming.

(Romans 6:23 and Hebrews 4:7b)

Revelation 2:23b -

THE PURPOSE of God was to use this situation as an example to <u>every</u> church.

(Hebrews 6:10)

Revelation 2:24-25 -

THE PRIORITY of Jesus for His people remains the <u>same</u> and it is not complex.

Revelation 2:26-27 -

THE POSITION promised is to rule with Jesus, using the authority He's <u>already</u> received.

(1 Corinthians 6:2)

Revelation 2:28-29 -

THE PRIZE of "overcoming" always was and always will be <u>Jesus</u> Himself!

(Revelation 22:16)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application…
1. Why is Jesus described as He is in verse 18? What does this teach us about Jesus?
2. What was REALLY GOOD about the church in Thyatira?
3. What was the basic problem? What were they guilty of doing in verse 20?
4. What big, complex, overwhelming commands does Jesus give in verses 24-25? (Trick question!)
5. What does Jesus promise (in verses 26-28) to those who "hold fast"?