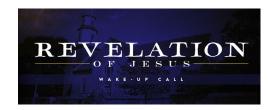
## **SERMON NOTES**

LOVE WELL – CHURCH OF EPHESUS REVELATION 2:1-7 | OCTOBER 23, 2022 SENIOR PASTOR TIM HARKNESS



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# **IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS**

**KEY PASSAGE: REVELATION 2:1-7** 

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage? Do not grow weary in standing for Jesus and His truth; Remain close to Jesus in passionate worship, repenting where needed; Be a conqueror for Jesus, and you will live with Him forever.

#### INFORM THE HEAD / STIR THE HEART

1.	Please recall from Revelation 1 what the seven stars and seven golden lampstands represent. What is significant about Jesus holding the stars and walking among the lampstands?
2.	Please describe the things Jesus commended the Ephesians for in verses 1-3, as well as the dangers of doing the opposite of those things.  a. Works and toil
	b. Patient endurance
	c. No tolerance for evil
	d. Test those who claim to be godly but are not
	e. Have not grown weary in bearing up for His name's sake
3.	Since the Ephesians were faithfully doing all the things written about them in verses 1-3, why would there be such severe discipline from Jesus over them losing their first love if they didn't repent?

4. The Nicolaitans believed that believers are saved by grace and so it doesn't matter how they live. They misused their freedom in Christ to justify engaging in explicit sin. Please use Romans 6:15-16 to explain why their philosophy was wrong.
5. How can a believer's love for the Lord help conquer the temptation to submit to legalism?
6. What is the hope given in this passage?
7. How did Jesus describe Himself at the start of the letter to this week's church? How is His description connected to the main purpose of this week's letter?

## **CHALLENGE THE WILL**

Based on what you learned in Sunday's message and in your study time, what is one measurable thing you will go after this week in your walk with Christ?

### **WEEKLY READING PLAN**

Monday, October 24 // 2 Timothy 2:14-26
Patiently Endure

Tuesday, October 25 // 1 John 4:1-12
Test the Spirits

Wednesday, October 26 // 2 Peter 3:1-10 Understand the Lord's Patience

Thursday, October 27 // 2 Peter 3:11-18
Be Careful not to be Carried Away

Friday, October 28 // Revelation 2:8-11 Hang On – Church of Smyrna