

THE SEVEN CHURCHES | REMEMBER HOW FAR YOU'VE FALLEN

REVELATION 2:1-7

Evaluation is crucial. When we reflect and evaluate, we better understand what we are doing well and what we need to improve on. When we ask a respected friend or colleague to evaluate us, we often get an even better picture. John was instructed by the Lord Jesus to write down what he had seen, what was, and what was to take place. We read in Revelation 1 what John saw. We now read about what was. This second main section of Revelation centers on Jesus's evaluation of seven churches from John's time. I believe though Jesus directly addresses them, they are also representative of churches. Jesus commends, criticizes, and commands the churches. He speaks of the consequences of their actions and their rewards if they are faithful. How should we function as a church and conduct ourselves in our everyday lives based on Jesus' instruction to the church in Ephesus?

1. The Lord Jesus commends us when we do His _____,
_____ patiently, and identify _____ prophets.

2. The Lord Jesus is grieved when we _____ Him and put
other things _____ Him.

3. The Lord Jesus calls us to go _____ to the _____,
and do those things we did in the beginning, when we have
found that we have _____ Him.