

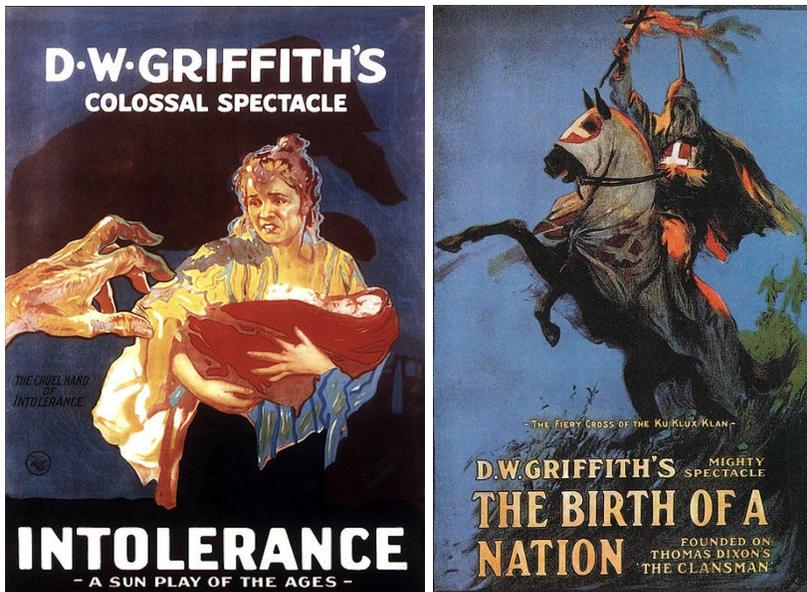
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The Compromising Church

Revelation 2:18-29

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Revelation 2:18-29

To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at

first. Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come. To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—that one will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.



Compromise: To expose and make vulnerable to danger, suspicion, scandal or to jeopardize.

Revelation 2:20

You were tolerant of Jezebel.

Revelation 2:19

I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than what you did at first.

Revelation 2:19

...that you are now doing more than what you did at first.

Revelation 2:20

...that woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophet.

"It's common for churches to be polarized in one of these two extremes. Either they will have full heads and empty hearts, or full hearts and empty minds. Either polarization is deadly. God demands both love and sound doctrine."

- Craig S. Keener, *The NIV Commentary: Revelation*

• Good Tolerance vs. Bad Tolerance

Revelation 2:20-22

I have this against you: You tolerate this woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways.

Tolerating any form of compromise in our lives can be a threat to our allegiance to Jesus.



Revelation 2:21

I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways.

In moments where we are pressured to compromise and our allegiance to Jesus is threatened, God promises that when we trust him, he will meet us.

- **Enduring Faithfulness**

Revelation 2:24

Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets...

Revelation 2:25

I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come.

Revelation 2:26-29

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—that one will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.