




"To the angel of the church in
Ephesus write: 'The words of him
who holds the seven stars in his
right hand, who walks among the
seven golden lampstands.




² "I know your works, your toil and
your patient endurance, and how
you cannot bear with those who
are evil,




but have tested those who call
themselves apostles and are not,
and found them to be false.



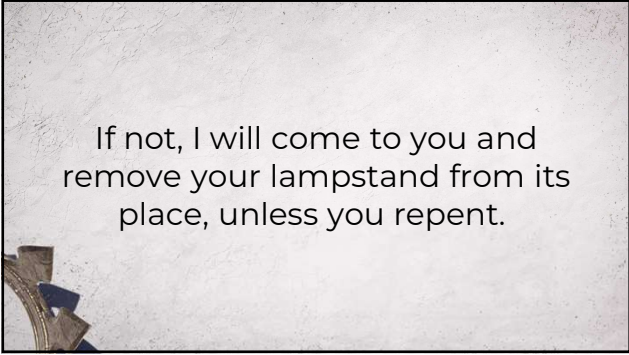
³ I know you are enduring patiently
and bearing up for my name's
sake, and you have not grown
weary.



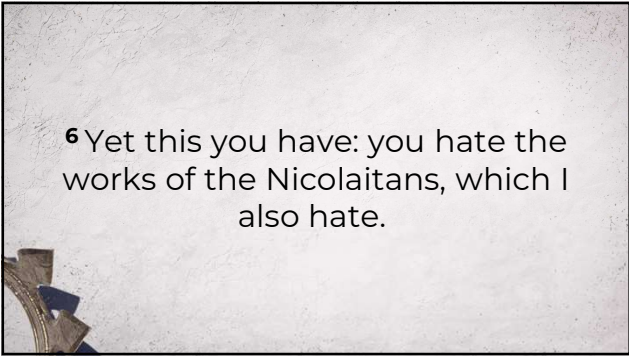
⁴ But I have this against you, that
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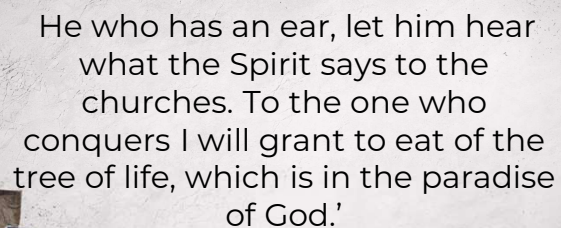
⁵ Remember therefore from where
you have fallen; repent, and do the
works you did at first.



If not, I will come to you and
remove your lampstand from its
place, unless you repent.



⁶Yet this you have: you hate the
works of the Nicolaitans, which I
also hate.



He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the
churches. To the one who
conquers I will grant to eat of the
tree of life, which is in the paradise
of God.'

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,

The Blessing

² "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil,

What Was Right at Ephesus

- The Right Works
- Hard Labor (Toil)
- Lasting Perseverance
- Personal Passion for Purity
- True Motivation

The Warning

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First Love: Areas to Evaluate

Worship – Do I Long for It?

Care for Others – Am I Concerned?

Holiness – Do I Desire to Please God?

Thought Life – Is Much of It God's?

Time – What is it Filled with?

The Healing

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God's Plan for Restoration

- 1. Remember** – Look Back to See What You've Lost
- 2. Repent** – Acknowledge Your Sin. Turn from Sin. Turn to God.
- 3. Redo** – Start Doing Again The Things that Came from Love.

How to Do the First Works

- Gather with God's People.
- Show Care for Others Here.
- Own Your Personal Relationship with God.
- Live in Gratitude & Awe for God.
- Live for God outside These Walls.

**The Love of God is Still
Ready for You.**

Draw Near to Him Again.



