

YOU CAN'T HAVE IT ALL

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Standing In The Fire, part 7

BIG IDEA: The risen, glorified Christ calls us out on our “you can have it all,” both/and thinking and its boundary-blurring infection. We must decide, prioritize and walk it out.

Thyatira

Industrial center.

Apollo, son of Zeus

The Emperor

Trade Guilds

Revelation 2:18-28

¹ **The one speaking is the true “Son of God.”** ⁽¹⁸⁾

“the judge of the living and the dead” **Acts 10:32** ^(Dan. 3:25)

² **He commends them for their Love, Faithfulness, Service, Endurance.** ⁽¹⁹⁾

SOULSEARCH PAUSE: *Are you growing in loving—God, others? Is your faith growing, stepping out, deepening?*

³ **Jesus calls them out for their tolerance...** ⁽²⁰⁾

“the human heart has the capacity for only one all-encompassing, all-embracing allegiance.” **Bonhoeffer**

“You have become spiritual adulterers who are having an affair, an unholy relationship with the world. Don’t you know that flirting with the world’s values places you at odds with God? Whoever chooses to be the world’s friend makes himself God’s enemy!” **James 4:4** TPT

“**Compartmentalization** is the means by which we ‘maintain the illusion of the both/and.’ In other words, I can be both holy on Sunday and allow poison into my

head on Monday because it is ‘entertainment’ or whatever.” **Jeff Bjorck**

“Deep things of Satan”

“Very likely she was promoting her own teaching as “the deep things of God,” whereas reality is that she was teaching the deep things of Satan.” **Gordon Fee**

SOULSEARCH PAUSE: *What areas are you compartmentalizing? Very worldly on one side, and God on the other?*

⁴ **Jesus gives a chance to repent.** ⁽²¹⁾ (Jer. 29:13)

⁵ **There are consequences to sticking with compromise.** ⁽²²⁾

⁶ **“Church: hear the message being sent.”** ⁽²³⁾

“Then great fear came on the whole church and on all who heard these things.” **Acts 5:11**

His fiery eyes see deeply to discern and judge.

“Then all the churches will know that *I am the one who examines minds and hearts*, and I will give to each of you according to your works.” ⁽²³⁾ (Jer. 17:10; 11:20; Ps. 7:9)

SOULSEARCH PAUSE: *What do they say?*

⁷ **A light burden for the faithful.** ⁽²⁴⁻²⁵⁾

⁸ **Victors will be rewarded:**

1) With **authority to rule with Jesus**

“I don’t have silver or gold, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!” **Acts 3:6**

2) With the **morning star**

“I am the bright, morning star.” **Revelation 22:16**