The Challenge of Compromise!

**** Rev. 1:14-15 "…His eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace…." [New International Version]*

**** Rev. 2:18-19 "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." [NIV]*

- ***"Beauty is only _____!"***
- ***"All that glitter is not ____!"***
- ***"Things often appear <u>better</u> than they are!"***

**** Rev. 2:20-21 "Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. 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." [NIV]*

God not only sees, but sees _____!

"A Church which is crowded with people and which is a hive of energy and a dynamo of activity is not necessarily a real Church. It is quite possible to be entertained instead of instructed, and to be soothed and petted instead of be challenged and confronted with the fact of sin and the offer of salvation. A Church may be so full of energy that it becomes a restless ferment instead of a haven of peace. A Church may be packed with many activities, but in the abounding energy the center may have been rather lost, and it may be a highly successful Christian club rather than a real Christian congregation. The state of things in Thyatira is something designed to give us searchingly to think." William Barclay, _____, Volume I, p. 129

**** Rev. 2:22-23 "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." [NIV]*

The Bad News:

God deplores those who "_____" at their faith!

The Good News:

God graciously begs us to _____ of compromise!

**** Rev. 2:24-25 "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): Only hold on to what you have until I come." [NIV]*

- ***Don't give ___…don't give ___…don't ___ now!***
- ***_____ to your faith!***
- ***Live your faith out with _____!***
- ***Don't _____ your convictions!***

**** Rev. 2:26-29 "To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, I will give authority over all the nations. [27] They will rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots. [28] They will have the same authority I received from my Father, and I will also give them the morning star! [29] Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches." [New Living Translation]*

- ***"Authority over all the nations" = _____!***
- ***"I will give them the morning star!" = _____!***

**** Rev. 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star." [NLT]*

Your choice: the cheap _____ or the real _____?