(Luke 16:10) "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much. He who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much."

We have been given the words of life. God has allowed us to understand His will and how to be pleasing in His sight. Moreover, He has required that we spread this message with a righteous and holy life. If He finds us with our flame in our heart unlit, unwilling to be faithful with what has to be shared, He will surely not allow us to share in His kingdom. (Luke 16:12) "And if you haven't been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you your own?"

We all must ignite our hearts for God and burn bright.

So Burn Bright! -OR- Be No Light At All!

We Must Have a One-Track Mind

(Matthew 6:25-34) "Therefore I tell you, don't be anxious for your life: what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor yet for your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food, and the body more than clothing? (26) See the birds of the sky, that they don't sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns. Your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you of much more value than they? (27) "Which of you, by being anxious, can add one moment to his lifespan? (28) Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They don't toil, neither do they spin, (29) yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these. (30) But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today exists, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won't he much more clothe you, you of little faith? (31) "Therefore don't be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?' (32) For the Gentiles seek after all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. (33) But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well. (34) Therefore don't be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Each day's own evil is sufficient."

(John 6:26-29) "Jesus answered them, "Most certainly I tell you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled. (27) Don't work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has sealed him." (28) They said therefore to him, "What must we do, that we may work the works of God?" (29) Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

We Cannot Serve God AND The World System Of Lust For Wealth & Gain (Luke 16:13) "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You aren't able to serve God and Mammon (Wealth)."

(Luke 16:11) "If therefore you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon (Wealth), who will commit to your trust the true riches (Heavenly Understanding)?"

The Great Breakdown Of Commitment

(Matthew 10:34-39)

- (34) "Don't think that I came to send peace on the earth. I didn't come to send peace, but a sword." {Realize That You Are A Warrior in A Spiritual Battle}
- (35) "For I came to set a man at odds against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. (36) A man's foes will be those of his own household." {Realize That Your Own Family May Fight Against You}
- (37) "He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me isn't worthy of me." {Realize That God Will Not Accept 2nd Place}
- (38) "He who doesn't take his cross and follow after me, isn't worthy of me." {Realize That When You Follow Jesus, You're Accepting The Fact You Will Be Sacrificed For His Cause}
- (39) "He who seeks his life will lose it; and he who loses his life for my sake will find it." {Realize That You Cannot Hold Anything Back. If You Do, You Will Lose It}

The Countdown Of Commitment

(Luke 14:26-27+33)

- (26) **1-** "If anyone comes to me, and doesn't disregard his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he can't be my disciple.
- (27) 2- "Whoever doesn't bear his own cross, and come after me, can't be my disciple."
- (33) **3-** "So therefore whoever of you who doesn't renounce all that he has, he can't be my disciple."

1- Family 2-Bear Your Cross 3-All our Possessions

Make A Choice Today

(Joshua 24:15) "If it seems evil to you to serve Yahweh, choose today whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh."

Then Don't Look Back

(Luke 9:62) "But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for God's Kingdom."

Be A Good Soldier

(2 Timothy 2:3-5) "You therefore must endure hardship, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. (4) No soldier on duty entangles himself in the affairs of life, that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier. (5) Also, if anyone competes in athletics, he isn't crowned unless he has competed by the rules.

Keep Yourselves Focused And Pure In Your Holy Calling

(2 Corinthians 6:14-18) "Don't be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? (15) What agreement has Christ with Belial? Or what portion has a believer with an unbeliever? (16) What agreement has a temple of God with idols? For you are a temple of the living God. Even as God said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they will be my people." (17) Therefore "'Come out from among them, and be separate,' says the Lord. 'Touch no unclean thing. I will receive you. (18) I will be to you a Father. You will be to me sons and daughters,' says the Lord Almighty."

(Mark 4:13-20) "He said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How will you understand all of the parables? (14) The farmer sows the word. (15) The ones by the road are the ones where the word is sown; and when they have heard, immediately Satan comes, and takes away the word which has been sown in them. (16) These in the same way are those who are sown on the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy. (17) They have no root in themselves, but are short-lived. When oppression or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they stumble. (18) Others are those who are sown among the thorns. These are those who have heard the word, (19) and the cares of this age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. (20) Those which were sown on the good ground are those who hear the word, and accept it, and bear fruit, some thirty times, some sixty times, and some one hundred times."

Sacrifice & Be The Sacrifice

(Romans 12:1-2) "Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. (2) Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God."

(Philippians 3:7-11) "However, I consider those things that were gain to me as a loss for Christ. (8) Yes most certainly, and I count all things to be a loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and count them nothing but refuse, that I may gain Christ (9) and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; (10) that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed to his death; (11) if by any means I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."

(Philippians 2:15-18) "That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without defect in the middle of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you are seen as lights in the world, (16) holding up the word of life; that I may have something to boast in the day of Christ, that I didn't run in vain nor labor in vain. (17) Yes, and if I am poured out on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice, and rejoice with you all. (18) In the same way, you also rejoice, and rejoice with me."

You Are Being Watched

1) The Warning

(Matthew 12:36-37) "I tell you that every idle word that men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. (37) For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

1) The Right Execution

(Malachi 3:16-18) "Then those who feared Yahweh spoke one with another; and Yahweh listened, and heard, and a book of memory was written before him, for those who feared Yahweh, and who honored his name. (17) They shall be mine," says Yahweh of Armies, "my own possession in the day that I make, and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him. (18) Then you shall return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who doesn't serve him."

2) The Warning

(Romans 14:11-12) "For it is written, "'As I live,' says the Lord, 'to me every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess to God.'" (12) So then each one of us will give account of himself to God."

2) The Execution

(Ezekiel 9:3-6) "The glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house; and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's inkhorn by his side. (4) Yahweh said to him, "Go through the middle of the city,

through the middle of Jerusalem, and set a mark on the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done within it." (5) To the others he said in my hearing, "Go through the city after him, and strike. Don't let your eye spare, neither have pity. (6) Kill utterly the old man, the young man, the virgin, little children and women; but don't come near any man on whom is the mark. Begin at my sanctuary." Then they began at the old men who were before the house."

(2 Chronicles 16:9) "For Yahweh's eyes run back and forth throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. You have done foolishly in this; for from now on you will have wars."

~The Common Travesty Of Man~

(Ezekiel 22:30) "I sought for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.

(Jeremiah 5:1) "Jeremiah 5:1 The LORD said, "Go up and down through the streets of Jerusalem. Look around and see for yourselves. Search through its public squares. See if any of you can find a single person who deals honestly and tries to be truthful. If you can, then I will not punish this city.

(Luke 18:8) "I tell you, he will give them justice speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Be The Uncommon Servant

(Isaiah 6:8) "I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

(Job 13:15) "Even if he slays me, I will hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face!"

(Philippians 1:21) "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Conclusion Of The Matter

(John 14:20-24) "In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. (21) One who has my commandments, and keeps them, that person is one who loves me. One who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will reveal myself to him." (22) Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, what has happened that you are about to reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" (23) Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him. (24) He who doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word which you hear isn't mine, but the Father's who sent me."

Review Of Revelation: Chapters 2-3 Organized & Formatting

The following is a compilation and organized collection of all the statements in Chapters 2 and 3 in The Book of Revelation. Doing this allows us to focus on the three types of Statements made by Jesus to the churches:

1- Correcting, 2- Encouraging, and 3-Blessings.

I believe this provides insight for what is required by God and Jesus, what to Avoid, and the Rewards of being obedient to their will.

Opening Statement Of Authority:

He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lamp stands. The First and the Last, who became dead and lived. He who has the sharp sword with two edges. The Son of God, He who has His eyes like a flame of fire and His feet like burnished metal. He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars. He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts; and shuts and no one opens. The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Head of the creation of God, says these things:

Correcting Statement: Things God does not want us doing.

I have against you that you left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and will remove your lamp stand out of its place unless you repent. Because you have there, those who hold the teachings of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication. So you also have those who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Repent! But if not I will come to you quickly, and will fight with them by the sword of My mouth. You allow that woman Jezebel to teach, she saying herself to be a prophetess, and to cause My servants to go astray, and to commit fornication, and to eat idol-sacrifices. And I gave her time that she might repent of her fornication, and she did not repent. Behold, I am throwing her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great affliction, unless they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death. And all the churches will know that I am He who searches the reins and hearts, and I will give to every one of you according to your works. I know your works, that you have a name that you live, and are dead. Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die. For I have not found your works being fulfilled before God. Remember then how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing, and do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, I counsel you to buy from Me gold purified by fire, so that you may be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be clothed, and so that the shame of your nakedness does not appear. And anoint your eyes with eye salve, so that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him and he with Me.

Encouraging Statement: What God wants us to do.

I know your works and your labor and your patience, and how you cannot bear those who are evil. And you tried those pretending to be apostles, and are not, and have found them liars. And you have borne, and have patience, and for My name's sake you have labored and have not fainted. You have this that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. I know your works and tribulation and poverty (but you are rich), and I know the blasphemy of those saying themselves to be Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. Do not at all fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the Devil will cast some of you into prison, so that you may be tried. And you will have tribulation ten days. I know your works, and where you live, even where Satan's seat is . And you hold fast My name and have not denied My faith, even in those days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwells. I know your works and love and service and faith and your patience, and your works; and the last to be more than the first. As many as do not have this (EVIL) doctrine, and who have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak, I will put on you no other burden. I know your works. Behold, I have given before you an open door, and no one can shut it. For you have a little strength and have kept My Word and have not denied My name. Behold, I give out of those of the synagogue of Satan, those saying themselves to be Jews and are not, but lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation which will come upon all the habitable world, to try those who dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly. Hold fast to that which you have, so that no one may take your crown.

The Blessings: The Reward to those who overcome.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life. He will not be hurt by the second death. I will give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give to him a white stone,

and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows except he who receives it. But that which you have, hold fast until I come. And he who keeps My works to the end, to him I will give power over the nations. And he will rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of a potter they will be broken to pieces, even as I received from My Father. And I will give him the Morning Star. You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. And they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. This one will be clothed in white clothing. And I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will go out no more. And I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of Heaven from My God, and My new name. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame and have sat down with My Father in His throne.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches

- Light Of The World -

- 1) (John 9:5) "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
- 2) (John 8:12) "Then Jesus spoke out again, "I am the light of the world! The one who follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- 3) (Matthew 5:13-16) "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its flavor, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people! (14) You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. (15) People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. (16) In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven."

Recap: <u>Our Love For God</u> must be a **forest fire** in our hearts and minds: an uncontrollable **inferno** of passionate love for our Father God. Our life has to be a **blaze** that other around us cannot ignore. To **ignite** or **reignite** the **embers**, we should always focus on the goodness of God and what has been done for us. <u>Selfishness</u>, lust for more, pride and many others things are the water that puts out the **flames** of **Love**. We are called to be a **light** in the world. Do not disappoint God and Jesus by letting the **illumination** of your spirit to fade to darkness. He is watching you and taking note of your every moment. Do not fail Him now!

Let Him Say Of All Of Us: "Well Done, Good And Faithful Servant!"