1. Our __________________ do not __________ us of our ____________________.

1. Revelation 2:12-17 - 12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write;'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: 13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. 15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. 16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth. 17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”

1. Third stop on the mailman’s route.

2. The church of Pergamus

1. Farthest north of the Seven Churches about 15-20 miles inland from Smyrna and the Aegean Sea.
2. The name comes from the same word as Parchment because this is where parchment was first invented.
   1. It could have also meant - objectionable marriage, perversion, polygamy
3. Had a population of more than 160,000.
4. Called “the greatest city in Asia Minor,”
5. Famous for its university with a library of about 200,000 volumes
6. Center of pagan worship
   1. Athena - the goddess of wisdom and the arts
   2. Asclepisis - the god of medicine, insignia was the entwined serpent on a staff, still the medical symbol today
   3. Dionysus - the god of wine and orgy
   4. Zeus - ruler of the heavens and father of other gods.

3. Hebrews 4:12 - 12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2. ______________ can’t have it ______________.  ______________.

1. 1 Corinthians 16:13 - 13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.
2. 2 Peter 2:15 - 15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

3. Don’t let your ______________ replace your ______________ to ______________.

1. 1 Peter 5:8 - 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
2. Galatians 5:16 - 16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
3. 2 Corinthians 11:1-4 - 11 Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. 2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

4. We all are ______________ to ______________

You Can’t Have It Both Ways - Handout
Revelation 2:12-17
February 9, 2014

1. **Matthew 6:24** - 24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

2. **Galatians 5:13** - 13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

5. ____________ is ______________ than ______________

1. **John 6:48-51** - 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

2. **1 Peter 2:4** - 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

3. **Isaiah 56:5** - 5 Even to them I will give in My house And within My walls a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name That shall not be cut off.

4. **Colossians 2:7** - 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.