Sermon Notes for March 3, 2019
Revelation 2:12-17: Watch your LIFE and your DOCTRINE
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Watch your _____ and _____ closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.
(1 Timothy 4:16)

A Christian Church in a City of Temples…

- Pergamum History:

- Here is what they were doing right:

- Here is what they were doing wrong:

"Perseverance does not mean "perfect." It means that we keep _____. We do not quit when we find that we are not yet mature and that there is a long journey still before us. But perseverance is not resignation, putting up with the things the way they are, staying in the same old rut year after year, or being a doormat for people to wipe their feet on. Endurance is not a desperate hanging on but a traveling from strength to strength. Perseverance is triumphant and alive. So, beware of apathetic, sluggish neutrality. For THAT is _____ to perseverance because it acts like a virus in the bloodstream and enervates the muscles of discipleship. The person who makes excuses for the hypocrites and rationalizes the excesses of the wicked, who lose a sense of opposition to sin, who obscures the difference between faith and denial, between grace and selfishness--that is the person to be wary of. For if there is not all that much difference between the way of faith and the ways of the world, there is not much use in making any effort to stick to it."
(Eugene Peterson)