

2 Corinthians 5:5 (The Message)

The Spirit of God whets our appetite by giving us a taste of what's ahead. He puts a little of heaven in our hearts so that we'll never settle for less.

Revelation 2:1-5 (HCSB)

“Write to the angel of the church in Ephesus:

“The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand and who walks among the seven gold lampstands says: **2** I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate evil. You have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and you have found them to be liars. **3** You also possess endurance and have tolerated many things because of My name and have not grown weary. **4** But I have this against you: You have abandoned the love you had at first. **5** Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

Revelation 3:1-3 (HCSB)

“Write to the angel of the church in Sardis:

“The One who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says: I know your works; you have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead. **2** Be alert and strengthen what remains, which is about to die, for I have not found your works complete before My God. **3** Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; keep it, and repent. But if you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you have no idea at what hour I will come against you.

Romans 8:13 (HCSB)

... **13** for if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Galatians 5:16-17 (HCSB)

16 I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want