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## 1<sup>st</sup> Local Church

1. Brethren: Acts 18:24-27; 19:9; 20:36-38
  - Committed, compassionate
2. Work: Acts 19:10, 23-27
  - Hard-working
3. Leadership: Acts 20:17, 28-32
  - Vigilant, involved eldership
4. Preaching: Acts 20:20, 26, 27
  - Balanced, needed, and timely

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Local Church

1. Brethren: 1 Tim. 1:3, 4; 6:3-5
  - Confrontational, difficult
2. Work: Rev. 2:1-7
  - While active, not sincere
3. Leadership: 1 Tim. 5:17-20
  - Mixed bag
4. Preaching: 2 Tim. 4:3, 4; 1 Tim. 1:3
  - Not strong, but wrong

# Lesson

- **Local churches change over time.**
  - **Some for the better, others for the worse.**
  - **Easy to see the “glory days” of the church at Ephesus.**
- **What about Chapman Acres?**
  - **Which is this congregation most like? Which should we most like?**
  - **What do we need to do to resemble a church that is strong?**
  - **Will we do that?**