

“First Things First”

Revelation 2:1 NLT

“Write this letter to the angel of the church in **Ephesus**. This is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven gold lampstands:”

Paul

Priscilla and Aquila

Apollos

Timothy

Paul

John

Mary

Revelation 2:2a NLT

“I know all the **things you do**. I have seen your **hard work** and your **patient endurance**.”

Revelation 2:2b NLT

“I know you don’t tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars.”

Revelation 2:6 NLT

“But this is in your favor: You hate the evil deeds of the Nicolaitans, just as I do.”

Revelation 2:3 NLT

“You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.”

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Love God and Each Other

Revelation 2:4 NLT

“But I have this complaint against you. **You don’t love me or each other** as you did at first!”

Have I fallen out of love with Jesus?

What does it look like to fall out of love with Jesus.....

- 1) I drift into annoyance with the mission of Jesus’ church, rather than passion for the mission of Jesus’ church.
- 2) I see Jesus as a concept to be studied, rather than a personal relationship to nurture.
- 3) I talk myself into sitting on the bench.

You Must Remember, Repent and Return

Revelation 2:5a ESV

“**Remember** therefore from where you have fallen; **repent**, and **do** the works you did at first.”

If you do not repent, there will be consequences.

Revelation 2:5b ESV

“If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”

Our #1 passion will always be to love Jesus Christ!