



## How to Keep Your First Love










## **Revelation 2: 2 – 5**

**“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place unless you repent”**







# How do we leave our first love?

- *Is it because of not working for the Lord?*
- *Is it because of not reading the Bible enough?*
- *Is it because of not praying enough?*
- *Is it because of not witnessing?*



“WE LEAVE OUR FIRST  
LOVE WHEN WE LOSE OUR  
DAILY AWARENESS OF OUR  
NEED FOR GOD”



## **Revelation 3: 17**


**“Because you say, I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked”**





## **Deuteronomy 8: 11 – 14**

**“Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage”**







# 12 Proofs My First Love Is Growing Cold

1.

When my delight in the Lord is no longer  
greater than my delight in someone or  
something else.

**Mark 12: 30**

**And you shall love the LORD your God with all  
your heart...**



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2.

When my soul does not long for daily  
quality time in communion with God.

**Mark 12: 30**

**And you shall love the LORD your God... with all  
your soul...**



# 12 Proofs My First Love Is Growing Cold

3.

When my thoughts during leisure moments do not reflect upon the Lord.

**Mark 12: 30**

**And you shall love the LORD your God... with all  
your mind...**





# 12 Proofs My First Love Is Growing Cold

4.

When I claim to be “only human” after giving in to those things I know displeases my Lord.

**Mark 12: 30**

**And you shall love the LORD your God... with all your strength...**



# 12 Proofs My First Love Is Growing Cold

5.

When I do not willingly and cheerfully  
give to God's work or to the needs of  
others.

**1 John 3: 17**

**“But whoever has this world's goods, and sees  
his brother in need, and shuts up his heart  
from him, how does the love of God abide in  
him?”**

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6.

**When I don't treat other Christians as I  
would the Lord.**

**John 13: 34**

**“A new commandment I give to you, that you  
love one another; as I have loved you, that you  
also love one another”**



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7.

When I see the 10 commandments as a restriction list instead of an expression of His love.

**John 14: 21**

**“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him”**



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8.

When I worry more about what the world will think of me instead of the approval of the Lord.

**1 John 2: 15**

**“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him”**

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9.

When I fail to share Christ and His word  
around because I fear rejection.

**John 15: 20**

**“Remember the word that I said to you, “A servant is not greater than his master”. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also”**

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10.

When I refuse to give up an activity, I know can be a stumbling block to a fellow brother or sister.

**Romans 14: 15**

**“Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died”**



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11.

**When I become complacent to sinful  
conditions around me.**

**Matthew 24: 12**

**“And because lawlessness will abound, the  
love of many will grow cold”**

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12.

When I am unable to forgive and hold  
grouches against he who offended me.

**1 john 4: 20**

**“If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his  
brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love  
his brother whom he has seen, how can he  
love God whom he has not seen?”**











## 1 Corinthians 15: 9

“For I am the least of the apostles,  
who am not worthy to be called  
an apostle, because I persecuted  
the church of God”



