

HOW TO REKINDLE LOST LOVE

*LESSON 1 FROM THE 7 CHURCHES OF
REVELATION*

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Revelation 2:1–7 (NIV) — 1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. **2** I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. **3** You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. **4** Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. **5** Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. **6** But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. **7** Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

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I. Who This Is Addressed To: The Church At Ephesus

Revelation 2:1 (NIV) 1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

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Aegean

● Pergamum
● Thyatira
● Sardis
● Smyrna

● Philadelphia

● Laodicea

● Ephesus

● Patmos

**THE TEMPLE OF
ARTEMIS
IN EPHEBUS**



**ARTEMIS : A
GREEK GODDESS**

**“THE LADY OF
EPHESUS”**



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Ephesus Was A City Of Political & Judicial Importance

- ***Ephesus** was a strategic city, the seacoast capital of that region of Asia, and was one of the greatest religious, political, and commercial centers of the region.*
- ***Ephesus** remained an important commercial, religious, and political center until it was destroyed by the goth invasion in 252 A.D.*
- ***The church of Ephesus** was established by Paul on his third missionary journey (read Acts 19: 20)*

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II. Who Is The Writer: The Author Of The Letter—[2:1](#)

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III. Actions Commended They Get Christ's Approval— 2:2, 3

Revelation 2:2–3 (NIV) — **2** I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. **3** You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

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- A. He Commended Them For Their Hard Work.**
- B. He Commended Them For Their Perseverance.**
- C. He Commended Them For Their Failure To Tolerate Evil.**
- D. He Commended Them For Spiritual Testing & Discernment.**
- E. He Commended Them For Their Stand Against The Deeds Of The Nicolaitans.**

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IV. The Actions That Jesus Condemned—[2:4](#)

Revelation 2:4 (NIV) — 4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

- **Agape** = love for someone or something, based on sincere appreciation and high regard—'to love, to regard with affection, loving concern
- **Protos** = first in time or place.
- Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In [Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament](#)

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“Some people can get so busy in the work of the Lord that they neglect the Lord of the work.”

Red Flags" To Indicate Our First Love Is Waning

- *Loss Of Joy*
- *Aversion To Spending Time (Prayer And God's Word).*
- *Aversion To Those He Loves (Christian Fellowship).*
- *Misplaced Treasure*
- *Loss Of Fear Of God -- What He Thinks & Feels*

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V. The Actions Corrected—[2:5](#)

Revelation 2:5 (NIV) — 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

A. Remember

B. Repent

C. Do The Things You Did At First

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VI. The Rewards For Correction—[2:7](#)

Revelation 2:7 (NIV) — 7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

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We Must Heed The Call To Rekindle Our Love & Passion For God.

If you find you have left your first love:

- Confess your lukewarmness as sin and ask for God's forgiveness and cleansing.
- Then claim by faith the restoration of your love for God and the fullness of His Spirit.