# Philadelphia Church

FIRST LOVE

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# Quote

"Good is ever the enemy of the best."

### 2 Corinthians 2:11

In order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

### 1st Peter 5:8

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

#### Revelation 2:1-7

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.

#### Cont.

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.

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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.







#### Revelation 2: 2-3

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.

#### Revelation 2:4

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

#### Definition

Forsaken- to leave entirely, desert, abandon. To renounce or reject. To abandon, relinquish or give up.

#### Revelation 2:5

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# 12 signs of Leaving my First Love

- 1- You Delight in someone else more than you Delight in the Lord.
- 2- Your soul does not long for times of rich Fellowship in God's word or Prayer.
- 3- Your thoughts in Leisure moments do not honor the Lord.
- 4- You make excuses for doing things that displease the Lord, claiming to be only human.
- 5- You do not willingly or cheerfully give to the Lord's work or to the needs of others.
- 6- You cease to treat others as you would treat the Lord.

#### Cont.

- 7- You view Christ's commands as restrictions to your happiness rather than expressions of His love.
- 8- You strive for affirmation from the world rather than approval from the Lord.
- 9- You fail to make Christ or His words known because you fear rejection.
- 10- You refuse to give up an activity that you know is offending a weaker brother.
- 11- You become complacent towards sinful conditions around you.
- 12- You are unwilling to forgive your offenders.

# Quote

True Holiness is learning to enjoy friendship with God. - MH

# Quote

If God is near to us then sin will be far from us.

# How do I Maintain my Passion for Jesus?

- spend quality time in prayer
- spend quality time in worship
- take counsel from His word
- stay in fellowship with others

