

To Busy People

¹To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: ²I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; ³and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. ⁴But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place--unless you repent ..." ⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (Revelation 2:1-7)

What Busy Christians Do Well

1. They Serve Diligently

*I know your **deeds** and your **toil** and **perseverance** (2:2)*

2. They Are Strict Doctrinally

*You cannot tolerate **evil men**, and you **put to the test** those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false (2:2)*

3. They Suffer Devotedly

*And you have **perseverance** and have **endured** for **My name's sake**, and have not grown weary. (2:3)*

What Busy Christians Need To Work On

*But I have this against you, that you have **left your first love** (2:4)*

What Is First Love?

1. Exclusive

2. Exciting

How Do You Leave First Love?

1. Take A Person For Granted

2. Things Crowd Out Your Relationship

3. Time Is Not Spent Together

4. Talking Begins To Diminish

How Do You Regain First Love?

*Therefore **remember** from where you have fallen, and **repent** and **do the deeds you did at first**; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place--unless you repent (2:5)*

1. Remember What You Used To Have

2. Repent Of What You Presently Have

3. Redo What You Did At First