



# *Twelve Evidences That We Have Left Our "First LOVE"*

**"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.  
Revelation 2:4**



**1. WHEN MY DELIGHT IN THE LORD IS NO LONGER AS GREAT AS MY DELIGHT IN SOMEONE ELSE,  
I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."**

**"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart..."  
Mark 12:30**

**2. WHEN MY SOUL DOES NOT LONG FOR TIMES OF RICH FELLOWSHIP IN GOD'S WORD  
OR IN PRAYER, I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."**

**"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your... soul..."  
Mark 12:30  
"As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God."  
Psalm 42:1**

**3. WHEN MY THOUGHTS DURING LEISURE MOMENTS DO NOT REFLECT UPON THE LORD,  
I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."**

**"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your... mind..."  
Mark 12:30  
"...God is in none of his thoughts."  
Psalm 10:4**

**4. WHEN I CLAIM TO BE "ONLY HUMAN" AND EASILY GIVE IN TO THOSE THINGS I KNOW  
DISPLEASE THE LORD, I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."**

**"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your... strength..."  
Mark 12:30  
"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love..."  
John 15:10  
"If you love Me, keep My commandments."  
John 14:15**

**5. WHEN I DO NOT WILLINGLY AND CHEERFULLY GIVE TO GOD'S WORK OR TO THE  
NEEDS OF OTHERS, I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."**

**"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?  
1 John 3:17**





6. WHEN I CEASE TO TREAT EVERY CHRISTIAN BROTHER AS I WOULD THE LORD,  
I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."

"...inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren,  
you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:40

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you..."

John 13:34

7. WHEN I VIEW THE COMMANDS OF CHRIST AS RESTRICTIONS TO MY HAPPINESS  
RATHER THAN EXPRESSIONS OF HIS LOVE, I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."

"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."

John 14:21

8. WHEN I INWARDLY STRIVE FOR THE ACCLAIM OF THIS WORLD RATHER THAN  
THE APPROVAL OF THE LORD, I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."

"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."

1 John 2:15

"If you were of the world, the world would love its own.

Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world,  
therefore the world hates you."

John 15:19

9. WHEN I FAIL TO MAKE CHRIST OR HIS WORDS KNOWN BECAUSE I FEAR  
REJECTION, I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."

"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..."

John 15:20

10. WHEN I REFUSE TO GIVE UP AN ACTIVITY WHICH I KNOW IS OFFENDING A  
WEAKER BROTHER, I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."

"Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food,  
you are no longer walking in love..."

Romans 14:15

11. WHEN I BECOME COMPLACENT TO SINFUL CONDITIONS AROUND ME,  
I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."

"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold."

Matthew 24:12

12. WHEN I AM UNABLE TO FORGIVE ANOTHER FOR OFFENDING ME,  
I HAVE LEFT MY "FIRST LOVE."

"If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar..."

1 John 4:20

