

First Love

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Introduction

1. Revelation 2:4
2. Self-examination is difficult and demanding 2 Corinthians 13:5
3. The Christian needs to be growing 2 Peter 1:5ff 3:18
4. It is possible to leave one's first love.
 - a. We can remove ourselves from the grace of God Galatians 1:6
 - b. We can fall from the grace of God Galatians 5:4
 - c. A person can be overtaken in a fault Galatians 6:1
 - d. Our love can wax cold Matthew 24:12
5. Why do many leave their first love?

II Discussion

1. One can have "burn out"
 - a. A Christian can feel tired
 - b. A Christian can feel neglected
 - c. A Christian can feel overlooked
 - d. But is this about spiritual matters or other matters?
2. One can have a distorted emphasis
 - a. They had been concerned about others 2:2
 - b. They had forgotten about their own needs 1 Corinthians 9:26-27; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
3. One can become discouraged
 - a. Trial will happen James 1:2; 2 Timothy 3:12
 - b. Growing weary will happen Galatians 6:9
 - c. Knowing this will help
 - d. How to overcome will help Romans 12:21; 2 Timothy 2:15; 2 Peter 3:18
4. One can become distracted
 - a. The cares and riches and pleasures of this life can distract us from our true goal Luke 8:14
 - b. The world is ever alluring 1 John 2:15-17
 - c. This is why we must keep our eyes on the Lord Hebrews 12:1-2; Colossians 3:1-3
 - d. We must remember that I will give an account for myself 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 2:6; 14:12
5. The manifestations of leaving the first love
 - a. Church is unimportant Hebrews 10:25
 - b. The Work of the church is insignificant 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - c. Worship becomes a duty and not a privilege 1 Corinthians 14:15
 - d. We have no time for spiritual works Galatians 6:1; James 5:19-20
6. The Remedy for leaving the first love
 - a. Remember from whence thou are fallen, the blessings and promises that are for those who are in Christ
 - b. Repent – change action, and mind Matthew 21:28-32
 - c. Repeat do the first works, the focus of the church is evangelism, keeping the saved, saved and benevolence

III Conclusion

1. What is your status now?
2. Do you need to remember, repent and repeat?

3. If so come now!

Source: Vision of Victory sermon outlines from the book of Revelation by T. Holland; Repent or Else by Vance Havner