

Sermon Notes
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Don't Lose Your First Love **Revelation 2:1-7 (Church at Ephesus)**

There are many churches in Asia Minor but these seven recorded in Revelation had characteristics that resemble _____ church throughout history.

Ephesus was a major _____ center. World class library. Temple of Diana there. A very _____ city.

A strong church – pastored by _____ and _____.
But something was _____.

Vs. 4 – you have left your first _____. They had skewed their priorities.

1. Their strengths (vs. 1-2)

They were _____ servants (vs. 2-3)

They _____.

They had _____ convictions. (vs. 2) They did not endure those who were evil. They rejected the _____ teaching of the Nicolaitans (vs. 6).

2. Their Weaknesses (vs. 4)

They _____ their first love.

What first love is not:

- Love between _____.
- Love for the _____ of Jesus.
- _____ love for unbelievers.

What first love is:

- Ephesians 6:24 – “Grace be to all who love our Lord _____ in all sincerity.”
- Out of that love will flow a love for _____.

3. God's Expected Response (vs. 5-7)

Do you _____ the Lord more than anything else?

If not you need to _____ and _____.

If not God will _____ your effectiveness (lampstand) from the community.
A radical change of heart is needed.

(Vs. 7) The _____ is delivering this message. He who has an ear let him _____ and _____ the world (1 John 5:4-5)