







“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

²“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil,

but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.

³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.

⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.

If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.'

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,

The Blessing

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What Was Right at Ephesus

- The Right Works
- Hard Labor (Toil)
- Lasting Perseverance
- Personal Passion for Purity
- True Motivation

The Warning

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First Love: Areas to Evaluate

Worship – Do I Long for It?

Care for Others – Am I Concerned?

Holiness – Do I Desire to Please God?

Thought Life – Is Much of It God's?

Time – What is it Filled with?

The Healing

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God's Plan for Restoration

- 1. Remember** – Look Back to See What You've Lost
- 2. Repent** – Acknowledge Your Sin. Turn from Sin. Turn to God.
- 3. Redo** – Start Doing Again The Things that Came from Love.

How to Do the First Works

- Gather with God's People.
- Show Care for Others Here.
- Own Your Personal Relationship with God.
- Live in Gratitude & Awe for God.
- Live for God outside These Walls.

The Love of God is Still Ready for You.

Draw Near to Him Again.






