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“The Letters Jesus Sent”

*“And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.”
(Matthew 24:12)*

Jesus – The Present Priest

Revelation 2:1 – (1) “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.’”

Diligence

Revelation 2:2-3 – (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.”

Desire

Revelation 2:4 – (4) “But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.”

Rekindling Love for Jesus Involves:

(1) Remembering

“Remember therefore from where you have fallen...”

(2) Repenting

...repent...

(3) Renewing

... and do the works you did at first...

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(4) Rehearsing Risk of Removal

...If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.” (Revelation 2:5)

Key Point: Diligence without Desire is Deadly

There's Hope, You are Still Sensitive

Revelation 2:6 – (6) “Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

Overcome & Enjoy

Revelation 2:7 – (7) “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.”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I guilty of doing things right, but not doing the right things?

Do I love Jesus more than anyone or anything else? (Luke 14:25-26)

Is Jesus passive or active in dealing with His Church?

(Rev. 2:1; Eph. 5:25-27)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)