

Rev. 2:3-5 Amp. "I know you are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name's sake, and you have not fainted or become exhausted or grown weary.

4) But I have this [one charge to make] against you: that you have left (abandoned) the love that you had at first [you have deserted Me, your first love].

5) Remember then from what heights you have fallen. Repent (change the inner man to meet God's will) and do the works you did previously [when first you knew the Lord], or else I will visit you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you change your mind and repent."

Rev. 3:15 Amp. "I know your [record of] works and what you are doing; you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot!

I don't believe that many of us really understand our responsibility as Christians. We have lived under God's grace for so long that complacency has set in and spiritual zeal is nowhere to be seen. Holiness is thought of as an unreachable goal, designed for the past saints of God, those who lived during Jesus time.

In most areas, our ignorance of God's ways has gone beyond immaturity, past selfishness and deep into dead-cold religion. We have the audacity of believing that only ten percent of anything we earn is God's, but claim that He is the One who has prospered us. We claim to praise Him in our services, but fail to spend time with Him when we are alone. Love is one of the main elements of what we believe but the simplicity of loving one another evades us. Most foolish of all, we submit to traditions and beliefs designed by empty preachers and cold denominations that have little to do with the heart of God. Holiness is not even a consideration for most of us.

I'm convinced that our Lord is just about through using and including those of us who have responded irresponsibly to being entrusted with His work. We, as stewards, leaders, preachers and teachers have failed to respond to the heart of God; and He is about to replace us with responsible servants if we don't change. Time is too short, and the wooing is too clear for Him to wait much longer.

Needing to set aside what does not matter and embrace what is important to my Lord –
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