

YOU'VE LOST THAT LOVIN' FEELIN'

The Church at Ephesus

Acts 19:20-41

"Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you . . ." Ephesians 1:15-16

What Jesus affirms—*"I know all the things you do . . ."*

vv. 1-3, 6

- Diligent—*"I know your hard work . . ."* v. 2
- Patient endurance—*" . . . patiently suffered for me without quitting . . ."* vv. 2,3
- Doctrinal purity—*" . . . examined the claims of those who say they are apostles . . . they are liars . . . you hate the evil deeds of the Nicolaitans . . ."* vv. 2,6
- Did not tolerate wickedness—*" . . . don't tolerate evil people . . ."* v. 2

What Jesus wants the most

vv. 4-5

- Passionate love for Jesus and others
- Fresh is wonderful, stale is miserable

How we can give it to Him—keep it passionate

v. 5

- Remember—*"Look how far you have fallen . . ."* Luke 7
- Repent—*"Turn back to Me . . ."*
- Repeat—*" . . . do the work you did at first . . ."*

Jesus' promise

"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God." Revelation 2:7

Refresh your spiritual life—keep it fresh

- Reflection _____ minutes
 - Yesterday: what you did, feelings, decisions, observations
 - Three gauges: 1-10 ___ physical ___ emotional ___ spiritual
- Read the Bible—One Year Bible _____ minutes
- Prayer _____ minutes
 - A—Adoration: You are . . . *Psalm 149:6*
 - C—Confession: being honest with God *1 John 1:9*
 - T—Thanksgiving: wanting what you have *Psalm 103:2*
 - S—Supplication: intercession and requests *Philippians 4:6*
- Listen—aware of God's presence _____ minutes
"For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children." Romans 8:16

Simple plan—a time, a place

"And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is." Ephesians 3:18

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