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Just Get Back to the Basics

(Revelation 2:1-5)

Mt 22:37-39 "Jesus replied: "Jesus said to him," "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."³⁸ "This is the first and great commandment."³⁹ "And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Rev. 2:1-5 "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:² "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;³ "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary."⁴ "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love."⁵ "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place--unless you repent."

Getting back to the basics in our walk with God – What Must We Do?

1. **REMEMBER**

2. **REPENT**

We demonstrate:

- (a) That we accept CHRIST'S EVALUATION of our condition.
- (b) We have judged ourselves according to God's Word to be SINFUL and deserving of divine judgment.
- (c) That we GRIEVE over our displeasure to Christ.
- (d) That we are TURNING AWAY from sin.
- (e) That we will, by GOD'S GRACE, take appropriate action.

3. **Do the Works You Did AT FIRST**

Some Basics:

- (a) Get into THE WORD (*Psalm 119:11*)
- (b) PRAYER (*1 Thessalonians 5:17*)
- (c) Church ATTENDANCE (*Hebrews 10:25*)