

**How Do I Know When I
Have Left My First Love?**

Revelation 2:4

Am I Obeying Christ?

If I am not obeying Christ, I am not loving Him – John 14:15; I John 5:3.

I can obey Him without loving Him, but I can not love Him without also obeying Him.

The church at Ephesus was obeying Him, but not loving Him as they should

Am I Obeying Christ With The Right motive?

My motive for obeying Christ must be my
love for Him – Mathew 5:36-40

To obey Christ out of mere duty or
obligation, or out of fear of punishment,
is an indication I have left my first
love – I John 4:18

The legalistic Pharisees were not motivated by
love for God, but by pride – Mathew 23:1-7

Am I Obeying Christ For The Right Reason?

If what I do is not first "to the praise of His glory," then I have left my first love – Ephesians 1:3-14; I Corinthians 10:31

Do we do what we do for self - glorification (Mathew 23:1-7) or out of a sense of superiority (Luke 18:9-14)?

Am I Loving Others?

If I am not loving others, then I have left my first love – I John 4:20.

We must hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, but not the Nicolaitans – Philippians 3:18.

Legalists become more interested in judging others rather than speaking the truth the truth in love – Ephesians 4:15.

The natural tendency in any relationship is to begin just going through the motions while the love begins to wane. The problem is that it happens slowly and subtly and we do not realize it is happening.

Are we willing to ask ourselves these questions and answer them honestly?