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THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION - Part 1 of 7
What Jesus Says To A Busy Church?
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"The one who holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks among the seven golden lamp stands says this, 'I know your deeds. I know your toil and your perseverance that you cannot endure evil men and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles and they are not and you found them to be false. You have persevered and endured for My name's sake and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen. Repent and do the deeds you did at first or else I am coming to you and will remove your lamp stand out of place unless you repent. Yet this you do have. That is you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans which I also hate. He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will grant to eat of the Tree of Life which is in the paradise of God."
Revelation 2:1-7

Jesus is most concerned with what is in first place in your life than what is in second, third or fourth. What's in first place in your life? _____

HOW TO KEEP FIRST THINGS FIRST

1. YOU'VE GOT TO <mark>LISTEN</mark> TO JESUS (Rev. 2:1)

2. DON'T HIDE BEHIND A <mark>BUSY</mark> CHRISTIAN LIFE (2:2-3)

3 ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR <mark>FIRST LOVE</mark> IS JESUS CHRIST (2:4)
"More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ." Phil. 3:8 (NAU)

4. TAKE THE <mark>STEPS</mark> TO RETURN TO YOUR FIRST LOVE FOR CHRIST (2:5-6)
"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19 (NAU)

<mark>ETERNAL</mark> PARADISE AWAITS THOSE WHO LOVE JESUS! (2:7)

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