

Twelve Evidences

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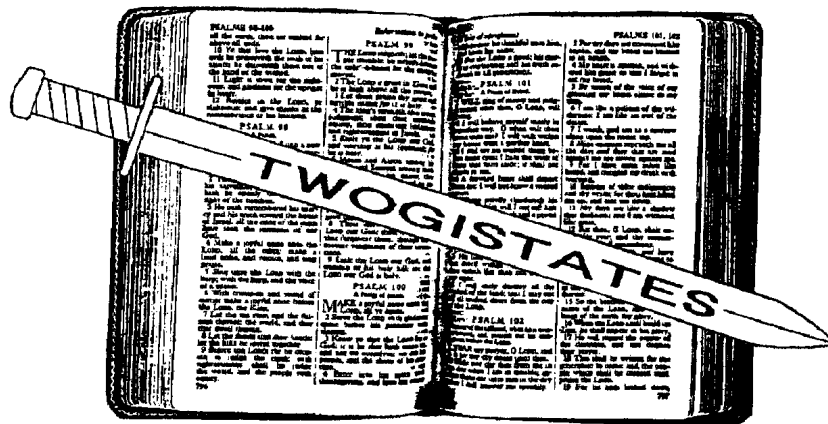
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Hebrews 4:12

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Revelation 2:4.

1

When my delight in the Lord is no longer as great as my delight in someone else. I have lost my first love.

Mark 12:30

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...

2

When my soul does not long for times of rich fellowship in God's Word or in prayer, I have lost my first love.

Mark 12:30

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy...soul...

Psalm 42:1

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

3

When my thoughts during leisure moments do not reflect upon the Lord, I have lost my first love.

Mark 12:30

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy...mind...

Psalm 10:4

God is not in all his thoughts.

4

When I claim to be “only human” and easily give in to those things I know displease the Lord, I have lost my first love

Mark 13:20

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy strength.

John 15:10

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love.

John 14:15

If you love me, keep my commandments.

5

When I do not willingly and cheerfully give to God's work or to the needs of others, I have lost my first love.

1 John 3:17

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

6

When I cease to treat every Christian brother as I would the Lord, I have lost my first love.

Matthew 25:40

...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

John 13:34

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you...

7

When I view the commands of Christ as restrictions to my happiness rather than expressions of His love, I have lost my first love.

John 14:21

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

8

When I inwardly strive for the acclaim of this world rather than the approval of the Lord, I have lost my first love.

1 John 2:15

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

John 15:19

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

9

When I fail to make Christ or His words known because I fear rejection, I have lost my first love.

John 15:20

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you...

10

When I refuse to give up an activity which I know is offending a weaker brother, I have lost my first love.

Romans 14:21

It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

11

When I become complacent to sinful conditions around me, I have lost my first love.

Matthew 24:12

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

12

When I am unable to forgive another for offending me, I have lost my first love.

1 John 4:20

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar...

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:30

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