

*To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Revelation 2:1-5 NIV*

### Jesus affirms...

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*I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance (v. 2).*

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*I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false (v. 2).*

*You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you. You have forsaken the love you had at first (v. 3-4).*

*Many who became believers confessed their sinful practices. A number of them who had been practicing sorcery brought their magic books and burned them at a public bonfire. The value of the books was several million dollars. Actos 19:18-19 NLT*

*...holding to a form of [outward] godliness (religion), although they have denied its power [for their conduct nullifies their claim of faith]. 2 Timothy 3:5 AMP*

### My Response

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*Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. Revelation 2:5 NIV*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ hunger – Acts 18:20
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's truth – Acts 19:10
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to confess sin – Acts 19:18
4. \_\_\_\_\_ all connections with sinful past – Acts 19:19
5. \_\_\_\_\_ filled – Acts 19:10

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*Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. Revelation 2:7 NIV*

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