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## **TURN A CORNER!**

“Nobody seems to want to work hard any more.” I’ve heard that critique of our society many times, haven’t you? Most of us want to be people who know what it is to work hard. That’s good. It pays off!

But our working for the Lord can become old stuff. We can grind out our service and it’s no fun. We do it because we said we would, or we got put on the committee, or whatever. “Ugh... How did I get into this?”

Jesus commended the believers in the Ephesian church (Revelation 2:1-7) for their hard work. “I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance... yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.”

Jesus Christ Himself tells you in Revelation 2:5, by three verbs, how to regain your first love:

1. Remember. Think about the times you found it sheer fun to serve Christ. Admit that you want that same pleasure of serving Him again.
2. Repent. Acknowledge your bad attitude, and tell Him you’re truly sorry. But that’s not enough; ask Him to change your mind, change your attitude, change your ways. Turn around and start praising Him. Let the power of Jesus lift you up!
3. Re-do. Now it will be time to express your newly recovered love by your service. He will give you joy over the privilege.

That’s renewal – personal renewal.

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