First Love

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4 But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the [a]deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. Revelation 2:4-5 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

What causes us to "leave our first love?"

Striving after <u>POSSESSIONS</u>

30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! 31 Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:30-33 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Striving after <u>RICHES</u>

16 And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" …

21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be [a]complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

Matthew 19:16, 21-22 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Striving after <u>HONOR</u>

6 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 6:1 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

A lack of <u>GRATITUDE</u>

18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

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