

# Keeping Your First Love, First

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A look at things that cause Christians to lose enthusiasm in their journey of faith.

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Revelation 2:2-4



### 1. Lack of progress:

**Proverbs 13:12 ESV**

<sup>12</sup> Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

**Matthew 7:7-8 ESV**

<sup>7</sup> “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

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## 2. Unmet expectations:

### **Philippians 4:6** *ESV*

<sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

### **Proverbs 14:12** *ESV*

<sup>12</sup> There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

### **Romans 12:2** *ESV*

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **James 4:13–14** *ESV*

<sup>13</sup> Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— <sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.

## 3. Boredom:

### **Ecclesiastes 1:8–10** *ESV*

<sup>8</sup> All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. <sup>9</sup> What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will

be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. <sup>10</sup> Is there a thing of which it is said, “See, this is new”? It has been already in the ages before us.

### **Hebrews 12:1–2** *ESV*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.