

# Revival? Who Me?

## Life Focus

Personal revival will renew my desire to walk intimately with God.

## Bible Focus

Revelation 2:1-7, 12-17, 18-29

## Key Verse Psalm 51:10

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." (KJV)*

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (NIV)*

## A Closer Look

Go ahead and read Revelation 2:1-4.

This passage is addressed to the church at Ephesus. Ephesus was a well known city in biblical times. A number of events are recorded in the New Testament that took place in Ephesus. The apostle Paul stayed there for over 2 years, according to Acts 19:10.

List the positive things the Ephesian congregation is commended for in Revelation 2:1-4.

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It sounds like the Ephesian church was doing pretty well. Would you consider it a compliment if someone told you that you were doing all of these things in your church?

Now read the rest of the message to the church at Ephesus in Revelation 2:5-7. Write your thoughts when you read this passage in light of what you just read in 2:1-4.

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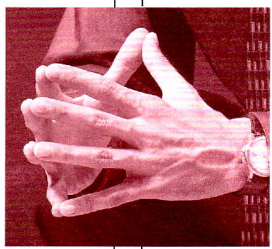
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What a turnaround! They went from being commended for the good they were doing to

being harshly warned about what will happen if they don't change. So what exactly were they doing wrong?



Verse 4 says they had forsaken their first love. So even though they were outwardly doing all the things a church is supposed to do, inwardly they had forgotten why they were doing

those things. This passage shows us that God's first concern is for the condition of our hearts. Good works will not absolve a dark heart. The intentions of the heart truly matter to God.

