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## **Seven Churches of Revelation**

### **Church at Ephesus**

*Revelation 2:1-7 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> *"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:*

<sup>2</sup> *I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.*

<sup>3</sup> *You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.*

<sup>4</sup> *Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.*

<sup>5</sup> *Remember the height from which 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.*

<sup>6</sup> *But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*

<sup>7</sup> *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.*