

The Powerless Pilgrim

LOSING YOUR FIRST LOVE

THE PROBLEM

> Ephesian Church Rev 2 *Sin causes a callous*

> Marriage Analogy Hos 2:19-20 *Romance - alienation - stability - commitment*

> Times of Darkness 1 Pet 1:6-8 *"you love Him"*

THE ENEMIES 2 PET 1

Indicative

:3-4 God's Part---Power Relationship Promises Escape

Imperative

:5 Our Part----Diligence in Faith / Trust

Virtue	Enemy
1 Thes 5:23 Moral Excellence <i>abide in Christ</i>	Compromise Grumble - <i>circumstances</i>
Phil 1:9 Knowledge - <i>knowing God intimately</i>	Puffed-up - <i>know a lot about God</i> Stagnant - <i>not acting on God's Truth</i>
Gal 5:23 Self-control	Lazy - <i>not managing time</i> License - <i>excess will sup power</i> Omit - <i>gratitude, Time c God</i>

>:10 Diligent--never stumble

Trying to keep our spiritual
poverty a secret

:19 The Word —

Prov. 4:27

THE STEPS

Spiritual Preparation — seldom rise above our spiritual preparation

4 Giants

1. Loss of Concentration — chains us to small accomplishments
sin, shame, 'Key' - Prayer
2. Loss of Feeling — initial exuberance has passed away — need to apply will to devotion
3. Lack of Discipline — 'magical' view of my walk — sins of omission
II Tim — God has given us discipline
4. Lack of Practice — habit is formed thru practice

THE LOVE OF GOD

1 Jn 4:19 We love because He first loved us —

2 Cor 5:14 The love of Christ [motivates] us — God consciousness — new reality power

