

The background is a dense, overlapping pattern of stylized leaves. The leaves are rendered in three primary colors: a bright green, a golden yellow, and a muted blue. The leaves are layered, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is a lush, textured field of foliage.

Thriving in Devotion



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Revelation 2.1-7

“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. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance.



Revelation 2.1-7

I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.



Revelation 2.1-7

**Yet I hold this against you:
You have forsaken the love
you had at first. Consider
how far 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.**



Revelation 2.1-7

But you have this in your favour: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.



Revelation 2.1-7

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."





**'I know that after I leave,
savage wolves will come
in among you and will not
spare the flock. Even from
your own number men will
arise and distort the truth
in order to draw away
disciples after them. So be
on your guard!'
(Acts 20.29-31)**



- **Remember**
- **Repent**
- **Return**



1) Devotion to Jesus

'Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.' (Revelation 2.4)



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**“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.’
(Matthew 22.36–38)**



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'The word of the Lord came to me: "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem: "This is what the Lord says: "'I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown.' (Jeremiah 2.1-2)



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2) Deep Relationships



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**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.’ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”
(Matthew 22.36-40)**



2) Deep Relationships

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13.34-35)



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'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God... if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us... We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.



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For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.' (1 John 4.7-21)



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“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord Almighty.” (Zechariah 4.6)



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"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water." (Jeremiah 2.13)



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'If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.' (A.W. Tozer)



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