

I Need To Preserve...

1) Jesus as my _____

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. 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. Revelation 2:4-5 (NIV)

"Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the Lord, "I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. Jeremiah 2:2 (ESV)

- **Live for an _____**

We must focus on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith. He saw the joy ahead of him, so he endured death on the cross and ignored the disgrace it brought him. Then he received the highest position in heaven, the one next to the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2 (GW)

- **Like Jesus, dare to be _____**

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 2 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

2) My love for _____

I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word. Psalms 119:16 (NIV)

- _____ **the Word.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalms 119:105 (NIV)

- _____ **on the Word**

My eyes anticipate the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word. Psalms 119:148 (NASB)

- _____ **the Word**

O Lord God, let your word to David my father be now fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. 2 Chronicles 1:9 (ESV)

- _____ **the Word**

Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word. Psalms 119:17 (NIV)

3) My readiness to _____

But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and...." Mark 10:43-45a (ESV)

4) My willingness to _____

... to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45b (ESV)

3 Areas of Sacrifice:

- _____
- _____
- _____

5) The real sacrifice – _____

Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone is desiring to come after me, let him" forget self and lose sight of his own interests, and let him pick up his cross and carry it, and let him be taking the same road with me that I travel, for whoever is desiring to save his soul-life shall ruin it, but whoever will pass a sentence of death upon his soul-life for my sake, shall find it Matthew 16:24-25 (WuestNT)