

PURPOSE AND PASSION

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ROM. 12:10-11

Purpose and passion go together. Purpose has to do with our head--thinking right about what God expects of us. Passion has to do with our heart, or what propels us or moves us. Passion without purpose isn't profitable (**ROM. 10:1-2**). They had zeal, but not according to knowledge.

Jesus was Passionate (PS. 69:9 NLT)

He was passionate about how His Father's house was used, and He was passionate about fulfilling His life's purpose. **LUKE 9:51** Jesus headed for Jerusalem with a fixed determination. **MT. 21:12-16** His purpose was to cleanse the temple and offer His life as a ransom. "Purpose points us in the right direction and passion propels us to go there".

Increasing Spiritual Passion

- 1.) Do an honest self-evaluation. Am I satisfied with my passion as it is right now? Is God my greatest passion?
- 2.) Revisit the Cross. C. S. Lewis said, "Christianity is of infinite importance". Be serious about serious things. The Cross is never to be viewed in a casual way. By revisiting the Cross, we can regain lost passion for service.
- 3.) Examine our motives for living: Fame, fortune, self-promotion: or to love God, the brethren, the lost and do God's work. **JOHN 17:4-5**
- 4.) Consider future judgment (**2 COR. 5:8-10 NASB**).
- 5.) Rate our worship. Is it from the heart? Inward, upward, outward!
- 6.) Repent (**REV. 3:15-19 NASB**). For loss of passion, fervency, and zeal.

Three Things

It takes three things to start a fire and to keep it burning: Fuel, spark, and oxygen – the Word, a decision, the Spirit (breathe on me)!