

The passions of an on-fire saint

Introduction to the book of Romans/The passions of Paul

Introduction:

- The emotions of God the **Father:**

Genesis 6:6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth and He was grieved in His heart.

Isaiah 1:14 I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts. They have become a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them

- The emotions of **Jesus:**

John 11:35 - Jesus wept.

Mark 3:5 - Christ was angry.

Luke 9:41 - Jesus was frustrated

Luke 7:9 - Christ marveled.

Hebrews 12:2 - Christ had joy.

Matthew 26 - Jesus was intense

- Be **honest** about your emotions:

Ecclesiastes 3:4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh, and a time to mourn.

1 Corinthians 12:26 weep with those who weep, rejoice with those who rejoice.

- Our emotions are **tied to our commitment** to Jesus

Matthew 22:37 & Mark 12:30... Love the Lord, with all our heart ... soul... mindand strength.

What are the passions of an on-fire Christian?

#1-A passionate _____ for God

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 38) For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39) nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*1 Corinthians 13:8 God's **love never fails***

A key passion for an on-fire Christian is

- **E**_____.

#2-A passionate commitment to reach the _____

Romans 9:1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2) that I have a great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3) For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, (4) who are Israelites...

2 Peter 3:9 not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance

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#3-A passionate commitment to _____ the greatness of God

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34) For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? 35) Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to Him again? 36) For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

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#4-A passionate dedication to begin new _____

Romans 15:20 And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation; 21) but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, and they who have not heard shall understand." 22) For this reason I have often been hindered from coming to you; 23) but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you 24) whenever I go to Spain - for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while-- 25) but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.

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#5-A passionate devotion to be _____ Christians

Romans 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, 26) but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; 27) to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen. I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 1:11 For I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;

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Conclusion:

#1. _____ is to guide our lives, not _____, but God _____ designed us to be _____ about the ____.

[]Test yourself

Question 1 - What do you naturally think about during the time when you are free to think about anything?

Question 2 - What books do you read, what do you study, what do listen to on the radio or watch on the television?

Question 3 - When you have extra money, what is the first thing you think about doing with it?

Question 4 - What kind of friends do you spend most of your time with?

#2. Guarding your emotions toward the things of God is the first step to maintaining _____ in life.

James 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust

- *The 1st step to temptation is through the gateway of emotions*

#3. God's person and purposes are _____ of your passions.

How can you start?

- Get _____ with God alone to be **encouraged** by His love
- Begin to _____ daily for those you know who are lost to seek to **evangelize** them.
- Commit yourself to **exalt** God in _____ worship and daily in _____ worship
- Pray daily for _____ in our midst who could be sent out to **establish** churches and commit yourself to give to our effort to help establish these churches worldwide
- Choose to use your _____ to edify other believers in God's Word.

Next week, read through Romans 1:1-7 to discover the elements of the messenger and message of mercy