



REDISCOVERING YOUR PASSION

Revelation 2:4

Revelation 3:15-16



INTRODUCTION

- ③ How do you see your relationship with the Lord Jesus in the light of the two scriptures?
- ③ What is it in a person that could cause them to lose their first love or become lukewarm after being filled with zeal and passion for the Lord and his kingdom?
- ③ What was it that cause a person who once burned with a fervent intensity that produced a hot fire within their souls and spirits and ignited others with this same level of fervency to go out?



I. WHAT IS PASSION?

- ① Passion is defined as the energy of our soul.
- ① Intense emotion, compelling action.
- ① A strong devotion to some object, activity or concept.
- ① Shared meaning: fervour, enthusiasm and zeal.




II. WHY PEOPLE LOSE THEIR PASSION?

1. Allowing something precious to become familiar
2. A desire for acceptance and approval
3. Conformed to mindset of the world
4. Apathy increases with age
5. No purpose beyond self
6. Failure in handling life's trials and temptations
7. Un-repented sins
8. Un-resolved issues, pain, hurts etc.



III. CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSON DRIVEN BY PASSION

- ⊙ Is goal oriented and visionary
- ⊙ Is a self starter
- ⊙ Has a positive attitude
- ⊙ Gives 100% all the time
- ⊙ Strives for excellence
- ⊙ Isn't satisfied with mediocrity
- ⊙ Is creative at getting things done well no matter what.

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- ③ Has a “whatever it takes” attitude and isn’t overcome by obstacles
 - ③ Accepts responsibility
 - ③ Doesn’t make excuses or shift blame
 - ③ Inspires others to do their best
 - ③ Rises to leadership



IV. WHY WE NEED OUR PASSION RESTORED?

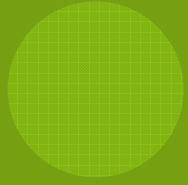
1. Passion is the first step to achievement

Matthew 11:12

- ⊙ Jesus - John 2:17, 4:34, Isaiah 59:17
- ⊙ Paul – Philippians 3:14, Colossians 1:29

2. Passion increases will power

- ⊙ Galatians 5:16, Romans 12:11



3. Passion changes lives

◎ 2 Corinthians 9:2

4. Passion makes impossibilities possible

◎ Philippians 4:13

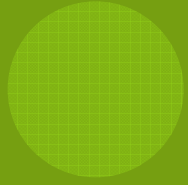
5. Passion for God protects me from wrong

◎ Matthew 5:29-30



V. PRACTICAL STEPS FOR REDISCOVERING YOUR PASSION

1. Believe that Passion is the deciding difference – Matthew 11:12
2. Realize that God desires Passionate believers – Matthew 22:37, Romans 12:11
3. Pray for Passion – Matthew 7:7-8, 11



4. Activate your spiritual gifts - I Timothy 4:14-15
5. Live and served in an environment where goals can be seen and achieved
6. Associate with people of Passion and not those who are passion killers
7. Remember what God has done for you
Deuteronomy 7:18, 8:18

CONCLUSION

- ③ Consistent enthusiasm and passion come from within, rather than being dependent on changing circumstances
- ③ Inconsistency confuses, discourages and de-motivates
- ③ Let us make up our minds to be people of passion
- ③ ***The wind of God is always blowing – but WE must HOIST our sail!***