

2011: A Year filled with Passion for the Lord!

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Galatians 2:20

²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Revelation 3:15–16

¹⁵“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm — neither hot nor cold — I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”

Mark 8:34–37

³⁴“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?”

“We may WANT God, but we want something else more. And we get what we want most.” A.W. Tozer

“Who or what is the most important thing in my life?”

PASSION: A STRONG, INTENSE, EXTRAVAGANT FONDNESS, ENTHUSIASM, OR DESIRE FOR SOMETHING.

2 Chronicles 15:15

¹⁵All Judah rejoiced ... for they had sworn with their whole heart and had sought Him with all their desire and He let them find Him.

Psalms 42:1

¹As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

Mark 1:35

³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

3 Priorities to be Passionate about:

I. WORSHIP

James 4:8

⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Hebrews 10:23–24

²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Romans 12:1–2

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship. ²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Acts 2:42–43

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

A Passionate Christian is devoted to:

- The teaching of the Word of God
- Serving others
- Meeting with Christians
- Prayer

“Tell me what the young men of England are doing on Sunday and I will tell you what the future of England will be.” — William Gladstone

Hebrews 12:28–29

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our “God is a consuming fire.”

II. WORK**Proverbs 30:8–9**

⁸Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. ⁹Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.

I Corinthians 15:58

⁵⁸Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Romans 12:11

¹¹Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

III. WITNESS**Matt. 28:19–20**

¹⁹“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. ²⁰And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

I Peter 3:15

¹⁵But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Acts 8:4

⁴Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

Hebrews 12:1–3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.