

Restoring Your Spiritual Passion

Mark 12:30-31 – ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. ³¹The second is, Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other command greater than these.” (CSB)

With all your heart...

SEEK God passionately! Deuteronomy 4:29
LOVE God passionately! Deuteronomy 6:6
SERVE God passionately! Deuteronomy 10:12
OBEY God passionately! Deuteronomy 30:2
TRUST God passionately! Proverbs 3:5
Do everything passionately! Colossians 3:23

Romans 12:11 – Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. (NLT)

7 Ways to Pummel your Passion

1. An unclear **purpose**.

Exodus 9:16 – However, I have let you live for this purpose: to show you my power and to make my name known on the whole earth. (CSB)

2. An unemployed **talent**.

1 Peter 4:10-11 – ¹⁰Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God. ¹¹If anyone speaks, let it be as one who speaks God's words; if anyone serves, let it be from the strength God provides, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ in everything. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. (CSB)

3. An unbalanced **schedule**.

1 Timothy 4:7 – Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. (NLT)

4. An unconfessed **sin**.

Psalm 38:4-6 – ⁴My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. ⁵My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly. ⁶I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning. (NIV)

5. An unresolved **conflict**.

Job 5:2 – Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple. (NLT)

Job 18:4 – You who tear yourself to pieces in your anger, is the earth to be abandoned for your sake? Or must the rocks be moved from their place? (NIV)

6. An unsupported **lifestyle**.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 – ⁹Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts. ¹⁰For if either falls, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to lift him up. (CSB)

7. An undernourished **spirit**.

Colossians 2:6-7 – ⁶So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude. (CSB)

Exodus 34:14 – You must worship no other gods, for the Lord, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you. (NLT)

Revelation 2:4-5 – ⁴But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. (NASB)

Thought For The Week:

Remember, repent and return.

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