

PASSION: KEEPING THE FLAME HOT

Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master. Romans 12:11 (MSG)

I remind you to keep ablaze the gift of God that is in you..2 Timothy 1:6 (HCSB)

1. THE FUEL OF VIRTUE

Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence - Luke 10:27 (MSG)

For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us... 2 Corinthians 5:14 (AMP)

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

Colossians 1:4

2. THE OXYGEN OF SECRET SPACE

Matthew 6:1-18

3. THE GUNK OF JUNK

Matthew 17:14-21

4. THE PEDAL OF PRAYER

The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much James 5:16 (NASB)

• A RIGHTEOUS STANCE: JESUS' RIGHTEOUSNESS

For in [the Gospel] the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:17 (HCSB) literally "the one who by faith is righteous shall live"

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2 (HCSB)

James 2:14-26

I NEED AN ACTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

- **A MIRACULOUS PRESENCE: SPIRIT OF TRUTH**

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, Ephesians 1:19-20 (NIV)

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good pleasure Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

I NEED MORE OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IN MY LIFE

Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! John 15:6-7 (NLT)

Four Commitments For 2012

- Commit to weekly worship in 2012
- Plug into growth groups in 2012
- Find a place to serve my community in 2012
- Share my faith with the unchurched in 2012

WALK THE TALK

Growth Group Resource

1. When you were a teenager what were most passionate about? Explain.
2. Of the four points on "*Passion: Keeping the Flame Hot*", which one speaks to your situation the strongest right now? Why?
3. When you think of the virtues of *faith, hope, and love* which inspires your heart the most in serving the Lord with more passion?
4. Re-read Matthew 6:1-18: Why is *secret space* so important to recharging your spiritual batteries? Which of the three "righteous acts" create the most oxygen for passionate spirituality? Explain
5. Read John 15:1-8: What is the test of being truly connected to the vine? How does the idea of pruning apply to becoming a more passionate believer? How does verse 7-8 bring together the ideas of passion and prayer?

Formulate a plan among each other in our Growth Group to hold each other accountable in the four fundamental compass points of life (Worship, Community, Service, Mission). (Example – Work as a team at a Weekend Service. Sit together at a Weekend Service. Do a community service project together. Etc.)



More Passion
Accelerate – Part 2
Relentlessly Pursuing More

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