

Passion - HEART

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor (boiling), serving the Lord.”

Romans 12:11 - NIV

WHAT IS PASSION?

✓ PASSION IS: The fire inside of you that keeps you moving -- PASSION IS NOT: Your personality

“Enthusiasm and persistence can make an average person superior...
...lethargy will make a superior person average.” - William Ward (Breakthrough)

WHERE DOES PASSION COME FROM?

We grow in our passion for the Lord as we abide in Him



Our God is a consuming fire

Hebrews 12:29 – NIV



What does your spiritual thermostat read? Only you are responsible for your fire

✓ True Passion - Acts 18:24-28 – Apollos
fervent in spirit...he vigorously refuted
Aquila and Pricilla *directed* his passion, but they did not *create* it.

Ephesus - They were passionate doers of God, be failed to be passionate “be”ers of God (Revelation 2:1-4 – NKJV):
*I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.
Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love*

Laodicea – The passionless church (Revelation 3:14-20 – NKJV):
*I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’...Therefore **be zealous** and repent...*

Holiness

Emotion

Ability (Serving)

Relationship

Time

The opposite of passion is *apathy* – A Pathos -- “Without Passion” or “Without Emotion”.

Real Passion - Not just human emotion or human hype
but a spiritual passion which comes out of a devotion to Christ.

*In him we live and move and have our **being** (Acts 17:28)*