

## Being Passionate

19 June 2008

Efficient means you are good at doing something.

Proficient means who you are. It resembles who you are.

God wants us to proficient in **passion**.

Passion is birth forth from what you are proficient.

**(John 2:17)** Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

"Zeal" in *Greek* = "*Zealot*"

Zeal is a fervent devotion to a course.

So when people see you, they see fire. It is so strong that people will see jealous of you.

Passion is not like an enthusiast act.

*What is passion?*

An intense emotion; An intense conviction; A strong feeling; A great devotion

Passion is what people will attack you for but at the same time respects you for.

**(Romans 12:11)** Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically.

**(2 Corinthians 7:11)** Just see what this godly sorrow produced in you! Such earnestness, such concern to clear yourselves, such indignation, such alarm, such longing to see me, such zeal, and such a readiness to punish the wrongdoer. You showed that you have done everything you could to make things right.

"goldly sorrow" is humbly confessing to your mistake.

**(2 Corinthians 9:2)** For I know how eager you are to help, and I have been boasting to our friends in Macedonia that you Christians in Greece were ready to send an offering a year ago. In fact, it was your enthusiasm that stirred up many of them to begin helping.

Passion needs to be found in everyone's life.

Read **Acts 2:27 – 37** -> scenario of the New Testament church.

The New Testament churches were as excited, passionate and on fire in their marketplace. And we are living in the New Testament generation! Therefore we should also be as excited, passionate and on fire as those in the Bible of the New Testament times.

### **3 Things You Need To Be Passionate About**

#### **1. Be passionate about spiritual devotion.**

(Proverbs 3:6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

To acknowledge God is to depend on God.

Alone you are weak, but with God you are a mighty flood!

When you start being devoted and passionate in what you do, God can do mighty works for you!

#### **2. Be passionate about servicing each other.**

Servicing each other like they are your family members.

#### **3. Be passionate about living your life for God.**

The most fulfilling life you will ever live in this life is the life of a believer.

Coming to Jesus is about letting go old mind set to have a new mind set. You are removed from the comfort zone to enter to a new level. That is why it seems hard coming to church because there is a new change in mind set.

If you are called to be passionate, be passionate!

If you are called to be devoted, be devoted!

God out of your passion will bring a revival in your life.

God will cause something to emerge from the inside because you are passionate.

#### **Conclusion...**

*"The secret to long time revival, I asked God to set me on fire and let people watch me burn."*

**- John Wesley**

When you praise and worship strongly, others will see the passion in you and will also be encourage to praise and worship strongly!

When you pray strongly, others will see the passion in you and will also be encourage to pray strongly!

Your passion will breed passion.

(Job 33:33) But if not, then listen to me. Keep silent and I will teach you wisdom!"

Passion will give you whatever you need to fulfil God's will.

---

Sermon taken from <http://www.bryanchung.sg>

---