



Live Passionately

Main idea God should be our greatest passion.

Warm-up Could you name one thing you are passionate about?
(Basketball, books, studies, etc.)

introduction

Webster’s definition of the word passion (Show definition): *“An intense emotion, strong feeling, a great devotion and intense conviction which fuels or motivates us toward compelling action.”*

We are all passionate about something. Passion is powerful! It can cause you to accomplish great things, overcome massive oppositions and challenges, and even go to the extent of making some sacrifice. Example: Dota (willing to sacrifice food allowance and stay up late just to be able to play); Him/Her (willing to save money for date, wait long hours, befriend people, travel, do anything just to win the person); Studies (sacrifice gimmick, choose library more than mall, no to relationship, sideline for tuition);

There are so many things we can be passionate about. But if we are not careful, we can be passionate for the wrong things. What does the Bible say about passion? Who should be the object of our passion?

Message

Two kinds of passion you don’t want to have....

Sinful passions (**Reference: Romans 7:5**) - passions that will separate us from God, passions that will grieve His heart, passions that will destroy us and His plan for our lives

Worldly passions (**Reference: Titus 2:12**) - passions that will not have any

eternal value, passions that might impress people but will never impress God, passions that might look valuable here but will never have any significant value in the eyes of God- the ultimate judge (Sample Illustration: 1 million Turkish Lira is equivalent to only P75.00 here in the Philippines)

Who should be our passion? **Matthew 22:37-38**, Jesus replied: *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.”*

God should be our greatest passion! He should be our greatest desire and our greatest reason for living. Not him/her, not career, not fame, power, or fortune, which are bound to fail and never satisfy.

The Apostle Paul (a well known bible character) conclusion after encountering Jesus: **Philippians 1:21**, *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”* He lived passionately for God since the day he encountered Him. As a result, there was no regret at the end of his life. He left, confidently knowing that he made every second count. It was a life well lived. A no-regret life is a life lived passionately for God.

challenge

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”
Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever God has called you to do, do it passionately for Him (full time, nurse, businessman, student, as a young person). If you live passionately for God and make Him your greatest passion, you will not only have a no-regret life, you will also receive a reward far greater than anything this world can offer.

Application Question

Who is your passion in life? What did you learn from this topic? How will this affect the way you live your life from this day forward?