

Awakening to Passion: When Will This Get Fun?

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It's time to wake up! Get Up! Show Up! And be present in your life!

Ephesians 5:14-16

Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light. [Isa. 26:19; 60:1, 2.]

15 Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

16 Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

In this new year, God is calling you and I to wake up out of our sleep. To rise above direct line of sight and see things the way God sees them!

Life With Passion!

“Sometimes I can feel my bones straining under the weight of all the lives I'm not living!”

“I'm tired. I'm distracted. I'm disappointed in myself. I feel slightly used and more than slightly used up. I'm a little overwhelmed and a lot worn down.”

Quit living a reactive life, and start living a proactive life!

Roams 12:11 (amp)

Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord.

1. We are not called to be indifferent!!!

Revelation 3:15-16 (amp)

I know your [record of] works and what you are doing; you are neither cold or hot. Would that you were cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth!

2. What are you aglow & burning with?

Ephesians 4:26 (amp)

When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down.

3. God has called us to seize the day!

Matthew 11:12 (amp)

And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured violent assault, and violent men seize it by force [as a precious prize – a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion].

Passion in the following with result in you and I becoming a POWER Force for the Lord.

1. Passionate about our words.

Psalm 19:14 “Let the words of my mouth, and the mediation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Psalm 141:3 “Set a guard, O Lord, before my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips.”

Proverbs 10:11 “The mouth of the [uncompromisingly] righteous man is a well of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.”

Ephesians 4:29 “Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress

of others, as is fitting tot he need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God’s favor) to those who hear it.”

2. Passionate about Worship

Psalm 25:14 AMP

“The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them his covenant and reveal to the its [deep, inner] meaning.

Psalm 29:2 AMP

“Give to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness or in holy array.

3. Passionate about Warfare

II Corinthians 10:3-5 AMP

For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons.

4For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds,

5[Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One),

Ephesians 6:11-13

11Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

12For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

13Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

3. Passionate in our Winning

Romans 8:37

Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.

God has called us to rejoice & be passionate in Joy!

Psalm 9:14 (amp)

That I may show forth (recount and tell aloud) all Your praises! In the gates of the daughter of Zion I will rejoice in Your salvation and Your saving help.

Nehemiah 8:10

Then [Ezra] told them, God your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet drink, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. And be not grieved and depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold.

God has called us to be passionate about Life

– John 10:10 (amp)

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).