

A Passionate walk with God –

Passion - strong and barely controllable emotion. (not just a high school freshman in heat) passion = romance?

1. The object of someone's love, and desire
2. A passionate person has very strong feelings about something or a strong belief in something.

3. the suffering and death of Jesus -

The Passion of Christ – 2004 movie in Hebrew, Latin, & Aramaic - cost 45 million and grossed over 612 million, shot in Italy, had overwhelming support of Catholics and protestants.

The Passion of the believer for – prayer, study, witnessing, worshipping

Opposite of passion is careless apathy and indifference. Hate is not the opposite of love...Apathy is! What lights your match? Burns your butt?

Psalm 69:9 – zeal for your house...

Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Deuteronomy 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Do you have enough passion in your life? Passion is the difference between playing the piano and being a pianist; it's who you are, not just what you do. Passion makes you leap out of bed in the morning, eager to start your day.

“Passion is the genesis of genius.” – Galileo

Passion for basketball... for baseball...painting... music... preaching...people

Passion for GOD ? who me? Babe in oct 1932 world series... the point?

Flight – 1903 years of failure, hundreds of crashes and a life savings invested...

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He gives this list – What it looks like

GOOD and sometimes bad / strength and sometimes a weakness

They are obsessed. ...

They don't waste time. ...

They're optimistic. ...

Passionate people are early risers. ...

They're willing to take big risks. ...

They only have one speed—full tilt. ...

They talk about their passions all the time. ...

They're highly excitable.

They're all about their work

How do we lose it? Passion can grind you into burnout

1. Familiarity breeds contempt – seek out other passion people
2. Routines without rewards (no celebrations, no risks)
3. Unrealistic expectations from “recipients / beneficiaries”
People don't appreciate us, Get your validation from God

How to overcome APATHY –

1. Take inventory - Evaluate your routines
2. Don't hit snooze when you get a wake up call – hit bottom, get blessed

3. Ask for a vision of your future
4. Recognize / be honest about indicators
5. Pray dangerous prayers
6. Despise and even HATE evil behavior

Indicators, roots = defiant, inattentive, irreverent, lethargic, disorganized, rude, contempt, unresponsive,

(every teen ager!) Michael Hicks book – understanding the subterranean world where struggling students think, feel, and live.

1. Psalm 90:12 Teach us to number each of our days so that we may grow in wisdom.
2. Psalm 39:4-5 “LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is. You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath.”
3. Ephesians 5:15-17 So be very careful how you live. Do not live like those who are not wise, but live wisely. Use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times. So do not be foolish but learn what the Lord wants you to do.

Many have a passion for justice – feeling like an underdog, could have been bullied at some point, even the victim of crime, people want to make things right!

MISGUIDED PASSIONS ?

Some have been hurt, wounded by a cause or group of people or ideology.

So they are passionate about equaling the imbalance (the force / the dark side)

PASSION TO PROVE OR PRETEND your not ugly, broke, stupid...

Galatians 5:24

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

6. Ephesians 5:11 Don't waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are.

8. John 4:34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

9. Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus,

Isaiah 50:7 **the resolute nature of Jesus** to face the cross and obtain the glory set before Him... FOR THE LORD GOD HELPS ME, THEREFORE, I AM NOT DISGRACED; THEREFORE, I HAVE SET MY FACE LIKE FLINT

Luke 9:51-56. As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus **resolutely** set out for Jerusalem

John 9:4 – As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

1st discover and embrace HIS passion

Then follow yours!