

# VISUAL PASSION

## IN YOUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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### THE PRODUCT OF GODLY PASSION

A primary ingredient that is mandatory for success in your ministry is visual passion. A simple definition of passion is to feel strongly about something. All of the mechanics and mystery without Godly passion produces a great deal of work but very little lasting results. On the other hand, a teacher with passion, zeal, and a fervent desire to know God and please Him will produce a contagious environment where individual motivation and class-wide involvement takes place. This produces eternal consequences. Giving glory to our God and reaping spiritual fruit is the result of a Godly passion-filled life.



### BIBLICAL DESCRIPTION OF PASSION

Passion must be grounded on:

- Right \_\_\_\_\_ (biblical beliefs & values),  
“...because I tell you the truth.” Gal. 4:16
- Directed to \_\_\_\_\_, (Goals)  
“...Christ be formed in you.” Gal. 4:19
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the things of God.  
“They zealously affect you, but not well: yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them. But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you.” Gal. 4:17, 18

*“For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up;...” Ps. 69:9*

*“His burning ardour, like the flame of a candle, fed on his strength and consumed it. His heart, like a sharp sword, cut through the scabbard. Some men are eaten up with lechery, others with covetousness, and a third class with pride, but the master passion with our great leader was the glory of God, jealousy for his name, and love to the divine family. “ Charles H. Spurgeon*

## **BIBLICAL SOURCE OF PASSION**

Personal daily fellowship with the Lord produces a spring of zeal and fervent desire to please Him in all we put our hands to accomplish. This spring of spiritual water that flows from a passionate believer, convicts the unbeliever, converts the backslidden believer, and encourages the fellow believer. The source of God’s passion is to:



- Know God,

*“That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;” Phil. 3:10*

- His Creation,

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”Ps. 19:1 “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.” Rom. 1:20*

- His Will

*“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Rom. 12:2 “For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.” 3 John 1:3*

Love between the servant and Savior is cultivated through time spent in ardent prayer, meditation on His Word and the walk of faith in a personal Christian testimony.

## BIBLICAL CONSEQUENCES OF A PASSION-FILLED LIFE

\_\_\_\_\_ – This is a method of teaching by example. You must be absorbed in His will so as to portray Him in your testimony, talents, and time. Your energy for the Lord should be revealed in your prayer time, singing, teaching, visuals and personal concern for your class. Remember teaching is not what you do, it is who you are. *2Kings 10:16* “**And he said, Come with me, and *see my zeal for the LORD.* So they made him ride in his chariot.**”



\_\_\_\_\_ – The resolve seen in the Savior identifies the level of determination necessary to endure to and through the death, burial and resurrection. The passion-filled worker will display the same resolve in his/her life that will not only be apparent to others but will result in that teacher being guiltless of the blood of all men.

*Isa. 59:17, “For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.” (“even the death of the cross.” John 2:13 – 17)*

*(2Cor. 7:10, 11) “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”*



\_\_\_\_\_ – There is a price to pay for a passionate life. The very word means to suffer. Samuel Rutherford was quoted “My dear brother, let God make of you what He will, He will end all with consolation, and shall make glory out of your suffering.” The dedicated life requires the price of suffering but payment from the Lord is glory in being in His likeness. (Col. 4:12, 13) *“Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, **always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.** For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.”*



Dedication is a process that leads to Christ-likeness and bears the fruit of a zealous and passionate life. The consequences are a battery of talents that God can use through you to bring others to Him. The steps to a dedicated life are:

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## **CONCLUSION:**

A passionate life will allow you to see life change in your students and congregation. Knowing the Word of God and being a student of prayer is the only thing that will equip you to stand perfect and complete before your audience. Decide now that you will settle for

nothing less than your very best in preparing for your class and do it because you love Him because He first loved you. Your reward will be life change for your students and eternal blessings, earthly purpose.

**Answer Key:**

The source of God's passion is to know God, His creation, and His will.

Principles

Right Ends

Zealous

DEMONSTRATION

DETERMINATION

DEDICATION

1. Vision
2. Desire
3. Power
4. Preparation
5. Practice
6. Patience