

REIGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR GOD

The Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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God wants us to love Him passionately. But being passionate involves dedicating time, energy, endurance, prioritizing Him above all else, and engaging in an intense, undivided, and active devotion that shapes every aspect of our lives. Hence, we should strive to achieve all these for God so as to love Him with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength (Mk. 12:30).



1. What does it mean to love God?

- 1.1 To love God with all our heart is to put Him in every decision and to live each day filled with desire and praise to Him.
- 1.2 To love God with all our mind is to want to adapt to His viewpoint, receiving His Word, and living and thinking according to the truth.
- 1.3 To love God with all our strength is to place our possessions, time, and physical energy at God's disposal. Truly, everything we own – including our lives, talents, and possessions – belongs to God who is the creator and ultimate owner of the universe (Ps. 24:1-2).

2. What prevents us from being passionate for God? The following are 5 passion killers:

2.1 Unbalanced Schedule

We need to have time to:

- worship God, privately and corporately
- fellowship with other believers
- read the Scriptures and grow as Christians

- serve in the ministry and use our God-given talents and abilities
- go on a mission to share our faith with others

2.2 Unused Talent

An unused talent will cause us to lose our passion for life and for God. Moreover, God wants us to use whatever gifts we have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms.

2.3 Unconfessed Sin

Unconfessed sin robs us of our joy, confidence, and passion for God because of guilt (Ps. 38:5). Therefore, if we confess our sins, God will surely forgive us and cleanse us from unrighteousness (1 Jn. 1:9).

2.4 Unresolved Conflict

Conflicts drain the passion out of us. We can choose to control the kind of emotions we have as a result of conflict such as jealousy, resentment, and prolonged anger (Job 5:2; Sir. 30:24). Instead, we must choose to forgive, to let go, and put everything in God's hands.

2.5 Unsupported Lifestyle

We are made for relationships; that is why God created Eve to be Adam's partner. We need each other; we need a community and/or small group as our support system and to keep our passion for God alive even during difficult times.

Conclusion:

The greatest commandment calls for total, undivided devotion to God, fully encompassing all emotions, volition, and intellect (Mt. 22:37). Indeed, God wants us to reignite our passion for Him, and we should do it wholeheartedly.

Reflection:

What prevents you from loving God passionately? How are you planning to resolve these passion killers?

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