

Reviving your Passion

Living life intentionally

Revelation 2:4 *"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*

Revelation 3:15-16 *I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth*

What was it that causes a person who once burned with a fervent intensity that produced a hot fire within their souls and spirits and ignited others with this same level of fervency to go out?

Passion defined:

The energy of our soul; "Intense emotion compelling action. A strong devotion to some object, activity or concept."

Shared meaning: passion, fervor, ardor, enthusiasm and zeal.

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I. Why People Lose Their Passion – 9 PASSION KILLERS

1. An unbalanced schedule

[Psalms 127:1-2](#)

1Unless the Lord builds the house,^[SEP]the builders labor in vain.^[SEP]Unless the Lord watches over the city,^[SEP]the guards stand watch in vain.

2In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to[a] those he loves.

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2. An unused talent

[1 Peter 4:10](#)

10Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

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3. An unconfessed sin

Psalm 38:4&6

4 My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.

6 I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning.

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4. An unresolved conflict

Job 5:2 "Resentment destroys the fool and jealousy kills the simple."

Job 18:4 "You are only hurting yourself with your **anger**."

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5. An unsupported lifestyle

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

9 Two are better than one, ^[L]_[SEP] because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

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- 6. By allowing something precious to become familiar**
- 7. A desire for acceptance and approval**
- 8. We live in a society that is passive**
- 9. No purpose beyond self**

II. Characteristics of a Person Driven By Passion.

- Is goal oriented and visionary.
- Is a self starter.
- Has a positive attitude.
- Gives 100% all the time.
- Strives for excellence.
- Isn't satisfied with mediocrity.
- Is creative at getting things done well no matter what.
- Has a "whatever it takes" attitude, isn't overcome by obstacles.
- Accepts responsibility.
- Doesn't make excuses or shift blame.
- Inspires others to do their best.
- Rises to leadership.

III. Why We Need Our Passion REVIVED

1. Ignite your desire

[Matthew 11:12](#) *"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers **violence**, and the violent take it by force.*

All of us have an inherent desire to succeed at whatever it is we are doing

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The Example of Jesus

John 2:17 *His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."*

John 4:34 *Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."*

Isaiah 59:17 *For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.*

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The Example of Paul

[Philippians 3:14](#) *I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

[Colossians 1:29](#) *To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.*

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2. Passion Increases Will Power.

Galatians 5:16 *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

Romans 12:11 *...not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*

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3. Passion Changes Lives.

[2 Corinthians 9:2](#) *for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.*

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4. Passion Makes Impossibilities Possible.

[Philippians 4:13](#) *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

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5. Passion for God Protects Me From Wrong.

[Matthew 5:29-30](#)

"And if your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

"And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

V. Practical Steps for Reviving Your Passion.

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Matthew 22:37 *Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'*

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3. Pray For Passion.

Matthew 7:7-8 *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*

Matthew 7:11 *"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

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4. Live In An Environment Where Goals Can Be Seen & Achieved.

- Physical environment
- Cognitive environment
- Social environment
- Emotional environment
- Spiritual environment

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5. Associate with People Of Passion.

6. Remember What God Has Done For You.

[Deuteronomy 7:18](#) *"You shall not be afraid of them, but you shall remember well what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt..."*

[Deuteronomy 8:18](#) *"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."*

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