

Serving the Lord with Passion

Ephesians 6:10-13

When Passion for Sin Rules

- Consider Israel.
 - Israel broke all restraint. ***Hos 4:1-3, 12-13***
 - Their faithfulness was like the morning dew.
Hos 6:4-6
 - They dealt treacherously with the Lord.
Hos 6:7-11
 - Their passion for sin grew hot. ***Hos 7:4-8***

When Passion for Sin Rules

- Passion for sin ruled the hearts and minds of the Israelites.
 - As a result, God rejected them as His people.

Have a Passion for the Lord

- Keep the restraints established in God's word.
 - Grow in our knowledge of His word.
2 Tim 2:14-19; Heb 5:12-14
 - Seek counsel from God and His Word instead of the worldly “idols” called wisdom. ***1 Cor 3:18-21a; James 1:5***
 - Reject the moral standards or “wisdom” of man that contradict Scripture.
 - Pray for wisdom and listen to godly counsel.

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- Keep the restraints established in God's word.
 - God's word teaches us what to avoid and what to embrace. ***Gal 5:19-26***
 - Be servants of God, not slaves of sin. ***Rom 6:12-14, 17-18***

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- Keep our faithfulness constant, living, and growing.
 - The more we study God's word, the more we strengthen our faithfulness. ***Rom 10:17***
 - Our faith should be a living faith. ***cf. James 2:26; cf. 2 Cor 5:7***
 - Faith enables us to live in a way that pleases God. ***Heb 11:1-2, 6; Gal 2:20***

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- Honor our covenant with the Lord.
 - Always remember the price of this covenant we have with God, the death of Jesus Christ. **1 Cor 6:19-20**
 - Christians are the bride of Christ. Let us honor our covenant with Him and not commit spiritual adultery. **Eph 5:25-27**

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- Keep our worldly passions under control.
 - Let us honor the covenant by loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
Mark 12:30
 - Let us seek for the kingdom of God.
Matt 6:33
 - Let us put on the “new man.” ***Col 3:8-17***

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- Keep our worldly passions under control.
 - Let us pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace. ***2 Tim 2:22***
 - Serve the Lord with all zealousness and effort. ***Col 3:23-24; Titus 2:11-14***

Conclusion

- Let us not be like Israel who followed their passions into sin and disobedience.
- Let us set our hearts on a passion for the Lord and walking in His fellowship.
- Let us be His people “zealous for good works.” ***Titus 2:11-14***