

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Passion That Endures To the Finish January 14, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

Romans 12.11-12 TPT

¹¹ **Be enthusiastic to serve the Lord, keeping your passion toward him boiling hot! Radiate with the glow of the Holy Spirit and let him fill you with excitement as you serve him.**

¹² Let this hope burst forth within you, releasing a continual joy. **Don't give up in a time of trouble, but commune with God at all times.**

- True passion comes from the Lord – our Father is passionate.
- Passion cannot be sustained by emotion.
- Passion is sustained by communing with God.
- True Godly passion is birthed in the heart, not in your emotions.
- Faith fuels passion – believing God above what is seen or experienced in the natural.
- Godly passion endures to the finish.
- God-filled passion is filled with substance that releases and infuses power in our heart, in our bones, and in the atmosphere around us – it is a life-giving force.
- Passion is infectious; we can catch it from others who are filled with passion – passion can be imparted.
- Passion has a sound of deep calling to deep; it has the sound of increase. Passion wants more.
- Passion is bold.
- Passion is determined focus and does not compromise.

Romans 12.11

The Message

¹¹ **Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame.** Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant.

NIV

¹¹ **Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor,** serving the Lord.

The Voice

¹¹ Do not slack in your faithfulness and hard work. **Let your spirit be on fire, bubbling up and boiling over,** as you serve the Lord.

- The Greek word for 'zeal' is defined as to boil with heat; be hot. This is passion!
- Passion means you are on fire – you are hot. There is no lukewarm.
- Our hearts are on fire for God and His purposes, loving what He loves and hating what He hates. No middle ground. No wavering between opinions or being persuaded by culture.
- How do we keep ourselves fueled and aflame? Through relationship with God Himself. In worship and intimacy. Through stirring your faith. Through bringing every thought captive into obedience that the Name of Jesus is above all other names. Through keeping your eyes fixed on Jesus and setting your face like flint – not movable by circumstances and situations.

Joshua 24.15 NIV

¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But **as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."**

- A proclamation birthed and spoken in passion by Joshua to the people of Israel who had lost their passion and zeal to serve the Lord.

Romans 8.38-39 NASB

³⁸ For **I am convinced** that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- A statement of passion from Paul.
- Passion impacts your heart and strengthens your belief.

2 Timothy 1.7-14 NASB

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

⁸ Therefore **do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord** or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, ¹⁰ but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² For this reason I also suffer these things, **but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.** ¹³ Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ **Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.**

Song of Solomon 8.6-7 The Message

...Love is invincible facing danger and death. **Passion laughs at the terrors of hell. The fire of love stops at nothing**—it sweeps everything before it. ⁷ Flood waters can't drown love, torrents of rain can't put it out. Love can't be bought, love can't be sold—it's not to be found in the marketplace.

Matthew 22.37 The Message

³⁷ **Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.' This is the most important, the first on any list.**

Philippians 2.13 TPT

¹³ **God will continually revitalize you, implanting within you the passion to do what pleases him.**

Philippians 3.16 TPT

¹⁶ **And let us all advance together to reach this victory-prize, following one path with one passion.**

Psalms 119.2 TPT

² **What joy overwhelms everyone who keeps the ways of God, those who seek him as their heart's passion!**

Proverbs 16.26 TPT

²⁶ Life motivation comes from the deep longings of the heart, and the **passion to see them fulfilled urges you onward.**

DECLARATION:

From Psalm 119: Detroit is consumed with a furious passion to do what is right. Save Detroit, God, and Detroit will follow Your every instruction. Before the day dawns, Detroit will be crying out for help and wrapping Your words into the life of the City. Lord, listen to Detroit's heart's cry, for we know Your love is real for Detroit. Breathe fresh life into this City again by the revelation of Your justice. We've known all along how true and unchanging is every word You speak, established forever! Your wonderful words will become my song of worship, for everything You've commanded is perfect and true. Place Your hands of strength and favor upon Detroit, for this City has made its choice to follow Your ways.