

# RESTORING YOUR PASSION FOR LIFE

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*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this; "Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.*  
Mark 12:30-31

With All Your Heart...

SEEK God passionately!

LOVE God passionately!

SERVE God passionately!

OBEY God passionately!

TRUST God passionately!

DO EVERYTHING passionately!

Deuteronomy 4:29

Deuteronomy 6:5

Deuteronomy 10:12

Deuteronomy 30:2

Proverbs 3:5

Colossians 3:23

*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor!*  
Romans 12:11

## A Checklist Of 5 Passion-Killers

1. An unclear \_\_\_\_\_

*I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing.*  
Isaiah 49:4 (NIV)

2. An unused \_\_\_\_\_

*In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.*  
Rom 12:6 (NLT)

3. An unconfessed \_\_\_\_\_

*My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear... I am bowed down and brought very low.*  
Psalm 38:4,6

*If we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

I John 1:9

4. An unresolved \_\_\_\_\_

*Resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.*  
Job 5:2 (NLT)

*You are only hurting yourself with your anger.* Job 18:4 (GN)

5. An undernourished \_\_\_\_\_

*Just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust Him, too, for each day's problems; live in vital union with Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him.*  
Colossians 2:6-7 (LB)

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If they fall down, they can help each other up. But pity those who fall and have no one to help them up!*  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*  
Revelation 3:15,16

Which Items Do I Need To Work On?

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3 Steps To Restore Passion:

*You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.*  
Revelation 2:4-5 (NIV)

\* All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted