

THE ZEAL OF THE LORD
Part 2

TITUS 2:11-15

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- **Zeal** is **contagious** **2 Corinthians 9:2**

2 Corinthians 9:1-5

¹ Now concerning the physical aid for the saints, it is too much for me to write to you; ² because I know your willingness, of which I boasted about you to the Macedonians, that Achaia had already prepared themselves a year ago; and **your zeal has stirred up more** to do the same.

³ So I have sent the brethren, so that our boasting about you would not be in vain about this, since I have been saying that you are prepared.

2 Corinthians 9:1-5

4 Otherwise, if Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) would be humiliated for what we are telling them about you.

5 That's why I thought I should encourage the brethren to go to you in advance and make sure that your generous gift is already prepared as you had already promised. This way it will be ready as an eager blessing you had previously promised instead of a stingy obligation.

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²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who **love God**, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called**; whom He **called**, these He also **justified**; and whom He **justified**, these He also **glorified**.

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding** as in a mirror **the glory of the Lord**, are being **transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as **by the Spirit of the Lord**.

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Revelation 2:2-5

² **I know your works, your labor, your patience,** and that **you cannot bear** those who are **evil**. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; ³ and you **have persevered** and **have patience**, and **have labored** for My name's sake and have **not become weary**. ⁴ Nevertheless **I have this against you**, that **you have left your first love**. ⁵ Remember therefore from where **you have fallen**; **repent** and **do the first works**, or else I will come to you quickly and **remove your lampstand** from **its place**—unless **you repent**.

Revelation 3:15-21

¹⁵ **I know your works**, that you are **neither cold nor hot**. **I could wish you** were **cold or hot**. ¹⁶ So then, because you are **lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will **vomit** you out of My mouth. ¹⁷ Because you say, ‘I am **rich**, have become **wealthy**, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are **wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked**—¹⁸ I counsel you to **buy from Me gold refined in the fire**, that you may **be rich**; and white garments, that you may be

Revelation 3:15-21

clothed, that the **shame** of your nakedness may **not be revealed**; and **anoint your eyes** with eye salve, that **you may see**. ¹⁹ **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten**. Therefore **be zealous and repent**. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹ To him who **overcomes I will grant to sit with Me** on **My throne**, as I also **overcame** and **sat down with My Father** on **His throne**.

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⁵ But also for this very reason, **giving all diligence**, **add to your faith virtue**, **to virtue knowledge**, ⁶ **to knowledge self-control**, **to self-control**, **perseverance**, **to perseverance godliness**, ⁷ **to godliness brotherly kindness**, and **to brotherly kindness love**. ⁸ For if **these things** are **yours** and **abound**, *you* will be **neither barren** nor **unfruitful** in the **knowledge** of **our Lord Jesus Christ**. ⁹ For he who **lacks these things** is **shortsighted**, even to **blindness**, and has **forgotten** that he **was cleansed** from **his old sins**.

2 Peter 1:5-11

¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, **be even more diligent to make your call and election sure**, for **if you do these things you will never stumble**; ¹¹ for so an **entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

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- ¹¹ For the **grace of God** that **brings salvation** has **appeared to all men**, ¹² **teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age**, ¹³ looking for the **blessed hope** and **glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**, ¹⁴ **who gave Himself** for **us**, that He might **redeem us from every lawless deed** and **purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works**. ¹⁵ Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

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- How can we not be excited?

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- ¹² Let no one despise your youth, but be an **example to the believers** in **word**, in **conduct**, in **love**, in **spirit**, in **faith**, in **purity**...
- ¹⁵ **Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.**

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¹⁶ But thanks *be* to **God** who puts the same **earnest care** for **you** into the **heart** of **Titus**. ¹⁷ For he **not only** **accepted the exhortation**, but **being more diligent**, he went to you on **his own desire**.

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¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last **your care for me** has flourished again; though **you surely did care**, but you lacked opportunity... ¹⁵ Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, **no church shared with me** concerning **giving** and **receiving** but **you only**. ¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica **you sent aid once and again** for my necessities.

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³⁶ At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was **full of good works** and **charitable deeds** which she **did**.

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Proverbs 15:13,30

¹³ A **merry heart** makes a **cheerful countenance**,
But by **sorrow** of the **heart** the **spirit** is **broken**.

³⁰ The **light** of the **eyes** rejoices the **heart**,
A **good report** **makes** the **bones** **healthy**.

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¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, “**Repent**, for the **kingdom of heaven is at hand!**” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: “The **voice of one crying** in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
Make His paths straight.’ ”

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⁴⁰ And with **many other words he testified** and **exhorted them**, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

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¹⁶ Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The **effective**, **fervent** **prayer of a righteous man avails much.**

¹² Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, **always laboring fervently for you in prayers**, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. ¹³ For I bear him witness that he has a **great zeal** for you, and those who are in Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

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³² And they said to one another, “Did not **our heart burn within us while He talked** with us on the road, and while **He opened the Scriptures to us?**”

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²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in **sincere love** of the **brethren**, **love one another fervently** with a **pure heart**,

²⁴ And let us **consider one another in order to stir up love** and **good works**, ²⁵ **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as *is* the **manner of some**, but **exhorting**, and **so much the more** as **you see the Day approaching**.

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35 Now in the morning, **having risen a long while before daylight**, **He** went out and departed to a **solitary place**; and there **He** prayed.

16 So **He Himself** *often* **withdrew into** the wilderness and **prayed**.

Jesus treasured opportunity to commune with His Father

How much more we need to!

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The Zeal of Our Lord Jesus in YOU

- Believe in God's grace and repent Rom. 2:4; 2 Cor 7:10-11 godly sorrow → repentance
- Repentance = diligence, clearing yourself, indignation, fear, vehement desire, zeal, vindication
- Turn from sin
- Turn to God
- Obey the gospel Rom. 10:9; 6:17; 3-4
- *Be zealous and repent* Rev. 3:19

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