**STRONG FOUNDATION – #6 MAN OF ZEAL**

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Call Study – Jason Park

*for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.* **Ps. 69:9**

**A MAN WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION:**

TAKES **TERRITORY** KNOWS WHO HE IS – **IDENTITY** KNOWS WHAT HE DOES – **MISSION** HAS – **AUTHORITY** HAS **- ZEAL**

**ZEAL:** a great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective (passion or fervor).

11For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14who 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. **Titus 2:11-15 NKJV**

**ZEAL = GOD’S WORD + PASSION + ACTION**

**ROOTED IN GOD’S WORD**

Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. 2For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. **Rom. 10:1-2**

7The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. **Ps. 19:7-8**

A tree that is “rooted” grows. How is God’s word producing growth? Or do you need to be more rooted?

**OVERFLOWING WITH PASSION**

 14In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. **Jn. 2:14-15**

10Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11Never be lacking in **zeal** (slothful **ESV**), but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Rom. **12:10-11**

Give an example of someone who shows passion for serving God. How would you rate your level of passion?

**REVEALED BY ACTION**

8This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. **Titus 3:8**

How is your zeal revealed by your actions?

**OPPOSITE OF ZEAL = LUKEWARM**

**15**I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! **16**So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. **17**You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. **Rev. 3:15-17**

How do you fight to control the temperature of your faith?

**SOLUTIONS A LUKEWARM HEART**

**REPENT AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR LACK OF ZEAL**

**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. **Rev. 3:19-20 NKJV**

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **Heb. 11:6**

**HAVE THE RIGHT VIEW OF JESUS**

12Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. **Rev. 12:12-13 NKJV**

3The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. 4So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

**Heb. 1:3-4**

**ELIMINATE THINGS THAT KILL ZEAL**

Do not quench the Spirit. **1 Thes. 5:19**

What is one thing in your life holding you back and preventing you from having more zeal?

**OUR (MAN’S) ZEAL IS CONTAGIOUS**

When a father follows Christ, the whole family is **93%** more likely to follow.

When a father attends church, there is a **67%** chance his children will attend church as adults.

When a husband has active faith, the chance of divorce drops by **50%.**

How can we pray for you?

We are not meeting next week. Happy Thanksgiving.