



ONE MAN, ONE MISSION...

...NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

Men's Bible Fellowship

Grand Terrace, CA

Eight Marks of a Man of God

“But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.”

1 Timothy 6:11 (ESV)

Mark 6 – “What He is Fervent About!”

Theme: **Intensity** (Passionate about The Word)

Introduction:

Welcome back to reboot camp!

The sixth mark of a Man of God we are considering this week are the things that a man of God is fervent about. In other words, what are his passions? What is it that moves and motivates him? What is it that fires him up and keeps those fires burning?

It's been said that: It's your passion for something that really motivates you! It's your passion that causes you to make sacrifices. It's your passion that causes you to be disciplined! **Your passion defines who you are. You become what you are passionate about. What you are passionate about becomes your pursuit. And people are not ashamed of their passion. People speak openly about what they are passionate about.**

Paul the apostle exuded passion for Jesus Christ and His Word! To the Philippians he writes:

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,” –Philippians 3:7-10

Paul wanted nothing more than to “gain Christ!” He wanted to know everything there was to know about Jesus, from His power to His sufferings. Jesus was Paul's passion. The Word was Paul's passion!

As Nicholas Zinzendorf once said *“I have one passion and one passion only, it is He, it is He!”*

The man of God’s number one passion is Jesus and we discover and know Jesus first and foremost through the Word of God. In fact, Jesus is the Word (John 1:1-4) Jesus is The Truth (John 14:6) Jesus is The Way (John 14:6) The man of God is passionate about Jesus which equals being passionate about the word, and passionate about the truth.

Our anchor texts for this week is...



1Tim 6:13-14 (ESV) ^{v13} *“I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ^{v14} to keep **the commandment unstained** and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ...”* **1Tim 6:20-21 (ESV)** ^{v20} *“O Timothy, **guard the deposit entrusted to you.** Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” ^{v21} for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.”*

Day 1: Passionate about the Word of God



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In reading this anchor text above we see that Paul urges Timothy, a man of God, to be passionate about the Word (*The commandment*).

1. Read the entire passage in its context (the verses before and after the anchor text), what specifically is “The Commandment” that Paul is referring to?
 - a. _____

2. What does Paul want Timothy to do with the commandment? What does that mean and Why?
 - a. _____

3. What should be the motivation for Timothy and us to do what Paul commands? Why?
 - a. _____

4. In what ways can the commandment be “stained” and “reproached”? How do you see this happening today?
 - a. _____

Today’s prayer: “God help me to keep the commandment unstained in my heart and in my life. Help me to stand firm, anchored, and immovable on your Word.

Day 2: Passionate about the Truth



Anchor verse: **1Tim 6:20-21 (ESV)** ^{v20} “O Timothy, **guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,** ^{v21} **for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.”**

Reading this anchor text above we see that Paul urges Timothy, a man of God, to be passionate about the truth (*the deposit*) We know there is a lot of false teaching, false religions, and false gospels that seek to pervert the truth.

1. What does Paul mean by “the deposit”? Describe in your own words some ways you can guard it?
 - a. _____

2. Why is it important to guard it? Describe the relationship between belief and behavior?
 - a. _____

3. Jesus says in John 8:32 that we can know “the truth and the truth will set us free,” What does He mean by the “truth will set us free?” (You may want to read the context of John 8)
 - a. _____

4. What did Paul warn the Galatians about in chapter 1:6-9? What are some examples of this? Also consider why Paul wrote this letter to Timothy in the first place (1Tim 1:3-7).
 - a. _____

Today’s prayer: “God help me to guard what has been entrusted to me, as Your Word says “to whom much is given much will be required,” help me be a good steward of what you have given to me”

Day 3: Passionate to Study



Anchor verse: **2Tim 2:15-16 (ESV)** ^{v15} “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. ^{v16} But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness...”

A Man of God who is passionate about the Word of God, is going to reveal that passion by being a diligent student of the bible. His focus is on things that lead to greater godliness and understanding of the truth.

1. List as many things from this verse, as you can, that Paul charges Timothy to do, and to not do?
 - a. _____

2. In your own words define “Rightly Handling the Word of truth”? What does that mean and/or how can you do that?
 - a. _____

3. Can you think of any other verses in the bible that speak about the importance of “Rightly Handling” the word of truth?
 - a. _____

4. This command is focused on something we are to be doing. Spiritual growth does not just happen automatically, we need to focus our energies on the spiritual disciplines of: prayer, bible reading, bible study, church attendance, and witnessing, in order to experience spiritual growth in our lives. Describe how you approach and do these disciplines? How often? What has helped you the most in doing them? What has hindered you?
 - a. _____

Today’s Prayer: “Lord, help me to be disciplined and to spend time on the spiritual disciplines that I might know the truth and rightly divide it. That I would not be tossed around by every kind of teaching, but I would know what is true.”

Day 4: Passionate about Preaching



Anchor verse: **2 Timothy 4:1-4 (ESV)** ^{v1} *“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ^{v2} preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ^{v3} For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ^{v4} and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.”*

Paul writes to the Romans in 1:16 that he was *“Not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for all who believe.”* Paul believed in the power of preaching the gospel to change lives. How about you? Do you realize that there is something about preaching the gospel that is extremely powerful and can actually change a person’s eternal destiny in just a moment, if they believe? No wonder preaching and speaking the Word is so important.

1. What does Paul say to Timothy about the importance of preaching?
 - a. _____

2. What does it mean to be “ready in season and out of season?” How ready are you? When was the last time you realized that it was important to be ready?
 - a. _____

3. Describe in your own words what it means “to reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching?”
 - a. _____

4. In light of the times we live in, as well as the time Paul and Timothy lived in, why does Paul say preaching the Word of God is important? How do you see these things happening today?
 - a. _____

Today’s Prayer: “God, help me to be unashamed when it comes to speaking, even preaching your Word. Give me opportunity today to boldly speak your truth.”

Day 5: Passionate about Maturity



Anchor verse: **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)** ^{v16}*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,* ^{v17} *that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

It’s been said that the Word of God is profitable *for teaching* (To show us the path to walk on) *for reproof* (To show us if we got off the path) *for correction* (To show us how to get back on the path) and *for training in righteousness* (To show us how to stay on the path). Without the Word of God, we cannot be a man of God!

1. What does it mean “All Scripture is breathed out by God?” Compare this to Genesis 2:7
 - a. _____

2. What does scripture do for the man of God? How do you see this happening in your life?
 - a. _____

3. Being complete is another way of saying “mature” what does Paul say about maturity in 1Corinthians 3:1-4?
 - a. _____

4. Can you think of another scripture that speaks about the bible being the very word of God? why do you think this important?

a. _____

Today's prayer – “God, I place myself under the power and authority of your word, I ask that you would show me where I am at in my walk with you, and if I have gotten off the path, show me where I have strayed and how I might get back to where I need to be.”

Day 6: What are you passionate about?



Anchor verse: **Romans 12:11 (ESV)** ^{v11} “Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord..” **Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)** ^{v23} “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ^{v24} knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

The bible is clear that God wants us to be passionate, especially about the things of God. In Rev 3 Jesus rebuked the church of Laodicea for being lukewarm in their commitment to Him. He said, “I would rather that you were either hot or cold, but you are lukewarm.”

1. Make a list of the top 3-5 things you are most passionate about? What are those things that move you to action, that you cannot, not, talk about? What is it that makes you angry? What is it that gets you excited?

a. _____

2. We often know what the right thing to say is, but the proof is in our actions. Take an honest assessment of this past week, what did you spend most of your time doing? What consumed your thoughts more than anything else? What did you spend your money on? What did you talk to others about the most?

a. _____

Today's Prayer: “Lord help me to see what I am truly most passionate about, and help me to remove any passions or actions that have become more important to me than You”

*** *For the week, meditate on this passage.* ***

1 Timothy 6:11-21 (ESV)

¹¹ *But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.*

¹² *Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.