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Galatians 4:18

2 Corinthians 9:2

Revelation 3:19

ZEAL

It Is Good To Be Zealous In A Good Thing Always

Motivated By
The Love of
Christ
Redeemed
To Serve
With Zeal

Titus 2:14 (NKJV)

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.

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**Zeal Towards
What Is Good
Is Always
Good
Should Be
Zealous Even
When No one
Is Watching**

Galatians 4:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.

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Zeal grows
out of love

Zeal goes
along side of
willingness

Zeal
motivates
others

2 Corinthians 9:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; ² for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.

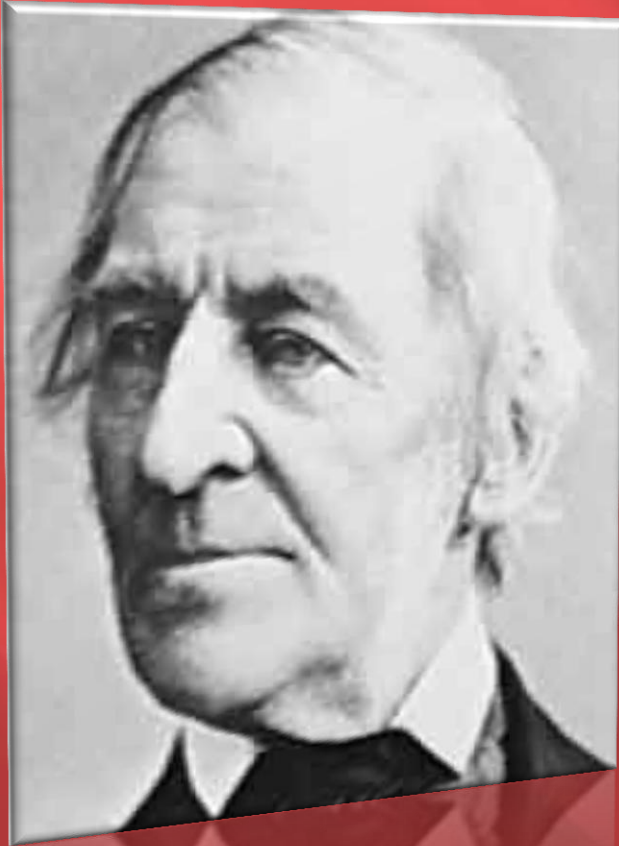
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Need To Be
Zealous In
Turning Our
Hearts From
Indifference
To Diligent
Enthusiastic
Service!

Revelation 3:19 **(NKJV)**

¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

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**“Nothing great
was ever
achieved
without
enthusiasm” –
*R.W. Emerson***

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Zeal

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Original Word: ζῆλος, *zēlos*

1. "zeal, ardor in embracing, pursuing, defending anything": 2 *Corinthians* 12:11; 9:2; κατα ζηλος, as respects zeal (in maintaining religion), *Philippians* 3:6; with the genitive of the object, "zeal in behalf of, for" a person or thing, *John* 2:17 from *Psalms* 68:10 (*Psalms* 69:10); *Romans* 10:2 . . . – **Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon**

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Antonyms

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Where Is Our Zeal Directed?

Things That Are
Eternal?



Things That Are
Temporal?



Col. 3:1-3

1 John 2:15-17

Eccl. 1:1

Matt. 6:19-34

2 Cor. 4:18

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Zeal

- ◆ Zeal is a good thing when grounded on truth & directed toward godly ends – Jno. 2:17 (Psa. 69:9); Gal. 4:17-18.
- ◆ Misplaced zeal is not good & can be deadly:

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"Junior G. McCormick is a serpent-handling pastor from Georgia. He explains that, for him, handling snakes is simply following the gospel to the letter. "Other folks don't do this because their churches don't believe, or it's just something they're scared of," he said. "They come to that scripture but want to jump over that part because it's a deadly thing."

Snake Handlers Hang On in Appalachian Churches
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Dangerous Zeal

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1 Cor. 8:1 (NKJV)

¹ . . . Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

Knowledge

Romans 10:2 (NKJV)
they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

Love

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Faith

2 Peter 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

Hope

2 Peter 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

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Needed Zeal

- ◆ **Bible Study** – 2 Tim 2:15; 2 Pet. 2:2; Ps. 119:97-104
- ◆ **Spiritual Growth** – 2 Pet. 1:5-12.
- ◆ **Service to God** – Mark 12:29-31; Mat. 6:33,
- ◆ **Serving The Needs of Brethren** – Rom. 12:9-17; 2 Cor. 9:2; 1 Pet. 1:22; 4:8; James 5:16; Heb. 10:24,25
- ◆ **Defeating Sin & Error** – 2 Cor. 7:11; Mat. 5:30; John 2:17; Acts 17:16
- ◆ **Evangelism** – Mark 16:15; Acts 4:13-20; 8:4; 1 Thes 1:7,8



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The Cause of
Christ?
The Spiritual
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*May your
spirit blaze
with the fire of
God's love.*



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