



Street Smart

Part 5 - Living with Passion

Discussion Guide

Some weeks are tough. You find yourself in a daze of just working a J.O.B. or cleaning up the same toys and laundry endlessly. Life can have a “Groundhog Day” feel to it when we just punch the clock. Life without passion quickly gets boring and mundane. God says He has given you a gift. We are called to use these gifts and live life differently. Are you living with an “all my heart” attitude of love for Him and using the gift you’ve been given? God has more for you! Are you ready to experience His promises?

Jump Start

1. What is one fad, craze, or hobby that consumed you for a time, but was soon left behind? Were you seriously pursuing it for a while or just “posing”?
2. *“Too often we go through life without much passion and without much fire. Mediocre effort will always get mediocre results.”* **Read [Colossians 3:23](#) and [Mark 12:30](#).** We need to live our lives with a “whole heart” attitude. What percentage of yourself are you giving in different areas of your life? Discuss heart, mind, soul, and strength. Are you holding back in one of these areas?
3. The Parable of the Sower is found in [Matthew 13:3-9](#). Jot down what types of issues keep us from growing deeper in our love for God, and developing strong roots of passionately following Him. Look up this passage in other commentaries for more ideas. What distractions are you dealing with and how can you make plans to weed them out?
4. **Read Proverbs 18:1.** *“A log pulled away from the flame loses its heat, its fire.”* Are there individuals that are encouraging your passion and fire? Are you in relationships with people who are cooling your zeal and passion? What specific steps can you take to increase your community with other believers? Share who or where you are inspired to follow with all your heart.
5. Final Thought: Caleb fiercely followed God, in spite of what he could see with his eyes and against popular opinion. **Read [Numbers 14:24](#).** In what area do you know God is asking you to move out, cross over, take ground, or stand firm? Who is walking with you with uncommon faith, spurring you on to passionate courage? What would be the result if you boldly, wholeheartedly followed Him?

Deeper

6. Read the [story of the twelve spies from Numbers 13 and 14](#). Look at some specific details and answer below.
- What type of men did Moses select?
 - What was their assignment in verses 17-20?
 - What proof did they bring back of the quality of the land?
 - In verses 25-30, they gave a report. What one word shows the beginning of sin?
 - What leadership principle did Caleb exhibit in verse 30?
 - The ten unfaithful spies spread discontent. Why? Look at verse 33 for a key to their attitude.
 - In Chapter 14, verses 1-4, the people have a corporate melt-down. What did they do?
 - Moses, Aaron (the leaders), Joshua and Caleb (the spies) stood for the Lord. What did they say in the desert that applies to your life today?
 - The people wanted to stone them when these brave men stood for God. And God showed up and passed judgment on them. What does this tell you about your battles?
 - Moses played a huge part. What did he do? How and when can you do this?
 - God made a very specific promise to Caleb. Has He ever made a very particular promise to you? What did you do with that promise?
7. Read the rest of the story: [Joshua 14:6-14](#). After 40 years, Moses died in the wilderness, and Joshua (the other faithful spy) became the leader. The children of Israel finally crossed over into the Promised Land.
- What did Caleb do as soon as they crossed over?
 - In verses 10 and 11, Joshua reveals part of the blessing of God on his life. What was it?
 - In verses 13 and 14, what happened?
 - What does this have to do with your life?