

Lesson Notes:

How to Rekindle the Flame

We all experience times when we seem to lose our passion for the Lord's service and get caught up in all the hustle and bustle of the world. This causes us to feel separated from our Lord. Following is a list of questions to help us get back on track when it feels like the flame has gone out.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Are you looking at what God has given you?** – In **2 Timothy 1:6-8** Paul encouraged Timothy when he was feeling low to focus on what God has given him (power, love, discipline and truth) and not on the hardships he was facing.
- 2) **Are you too concerned about the material things of this world?** - Jesus said in **1 John 2:15** that any man who loves the world, the love of the father is not within him. In **Romans 8:6-8** Paul tells us that to be carnally minded is to be dead. And in **Matthew 6:24** Jesus tells us that no man can serve two masters.
- 3) **Are you too focused on the desires of the flesh?** - In **Galatians 5:19-21** Paul tells us that if we live in the flesh we will not inherit the Kingdom of God. It is healthy to celebrate your marriage with your spouse but there is such a thing as sexual sin and sexual addictions. Tragically, pornography and sins of the flesh are a way of life for some which separates them from the love of Christ.
- 4) **Are you staying in the Word?** – In **Psalm 119:11** David says “thy word I have hid in my heart so I might not sin against thee”. My Mother used to tell me as a young boy that, “a Chapter a Day keeps Satan away”.
- 5) **Do you worship and attend Church regularly?** – In **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** Solomon tells us the importance of friendship and worshipping with other believers on a regular basis.
- 6) **Are you spending time with the Lord in Prayer?** – In **Matthew 21:22** Jesus tells us that whatsoever we ask for in prayer and in belief the father will grant to us.
- 7) **Are you contributing to the Lord's Work?** – Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 16:1-4** to take up collections for the church. Do you feel like you are cheating God? Dr. Perry Stone say's that our giving is our covenant with God.
- 8) **Have you committed yourself to the Lord?** – In **Psalm 37:4-5** David says that if we commit ourselves to the Lord he will give us the desires of our heart. Are you fully committed to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

9) Is God your Priority? – In **Colossians 3:12-17** Paul tells us to live a Christian Life. Do others see Christ in you?