

Burn With Passion

Week 1 Guide - August 31-September 6, 2025

This Week's Topic: "You Are God's Temple"

"From the moment John stepped onto the scene until now, the realm of heaven's kingdom is bursting forth, and passionate people have taken hold of its power."
Matthew 11:12 TPT

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."
Hebrews 12:28-29 NIV

You Are God's Temple

It is important for us to understand that the temple is a place where God chooses to dwell with man. In the beginning the temple was Eden where God walked with Adam & Eve, Later God dwelt with the Israelites the Tabernacle while they roamed in the desert. King Solomon built a glorious temple in the center of Jerusalem where God would dwell among His people. Eventually, the time would come when God would come as a man, Jesus, and live among us. Ushering in the new covenant between man and God where Man himself would become a cleansed holy temple, a living vessel housing the very presence of God.

1 Corinthians 3:16 NKJV - "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

When we realize we are God's chosen dwelling place it then becomes our decision how much room we are willing to give Him in our hearts. For it is in our heart that we hold what is most dear and where our passions burn. It is the place where we seek Him and offer sacrifices of prayer and praise to Him.

Exodus 25:1-2, 8-9 NIV - "The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."

We also must invite God, through prayer, to ignite the altar of our hearts with His fire that we might burn with passion for Him. Seeking to advance His Kingdom, do what pleases Him and live with a strong sense of purpose and divine destiny.

1 Kings 8:27-30 NIV - "When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

Assignment - Discover Your Spiritual Passion

Your passion is towards something you actively do or think about. It is something you are very interested in, you look forward to it, and you are focused on doing it on a regular basis. You prioritize it in your

schedule and when you are doing it you have a sense of purpose and enjoyment. You love to study and learn all about it to improve your ability to do it well.

Now, let's take this understanding of passion and apply it to our Christian practices. Are there things you do or think about that cause you feel closer to God and spiritually satisfied or fulfilled. Do you have spiritual passions that motivate you? Do you engage in certain Christian practices because you feel closer to God and they help you grow in your faith?

Passion Reflection Exercise: Make a list of answers for the following questions. Take your time and write as many answers as you can.

1. What activities do I enjoy so much I lose track of time?
2. What problems or causes do I deeply care about solving?
3. What would I keep doing, even if I had to do it alone, because it has a great purpose.

Rank all items in your list of answers from 1-5

1. I like doing it but it has no spiritual benefit to me
2. I enjoy doing this when I can and it has some spiritual benefits.
3. I do this often, it is very enjoyable and I feel it contributes to my spiritual growth.
4. I am motivated to do this, I know it pleases God and feel spiritually alive when I do it.
5. I prioritize doing this regularly. It feels essential to who I am, my calling and why God created me.

Circle any answers that scored 4-5. Notice if there is a theme or pattern repeated (e.g., helping others, creating, serving, teaching etc) Group all the related answers into your own categories like "creativity, leadership, service, spiritual growth or my calling).

Write a passion statement based on your highest-ranked answers Complete this statement...

"I feel most spiritually alive when I _____ because it allows me to _____".

(For example, "I feel most spiritually alive when I'm teaching and encouraging others because it allows me to use my gifts to inspire and train others.")

Connection Point

Find someone else who has taken this personal assessment and share your answers with each other. It could be a spouse, a friend or even with your children. Discuss what you are most passionate about and why. Talk about whether your passions contribute to your spiritual growth and fulfilling God's purpose in your life? Take a few minutes to pray for each other and ask God to ignite His fire in your hearts, to fan into flame the gift of faith within you.

Prayer of The Week:

Lord, I pray that you would ignite a passion in my heart to actively pursue my relationship with you. I want to live each day with purpose and grow more confident in the gifts and callings you have placed in my life. I choose to yield all my desires and personal pleasures to you, allowing you to prioritize my plans and motivate my actions according to what pleases you. Draw me into your presence and teach me your ways so that I may walk in your will for my life. Align my passions to yours and cause them to grow and burn like a fire within me. ~Amen.

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Resources of the Week:

Videos:

Tabernacle of Moses:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mFGsLEpKKk>

The Tabernacle and what it means to us:

https://youtu.be/7K8faUuCD2Y?si=HyHo_wyfwgJyWoQh

King Solomons Temple Explained:

<https://youtu.be/Xt6lQAe8ues?si=BNLwui8oez5jQsaL>

Book:

A Passion for God: The Spiritual Journey of A. W. Tozer

Amazon: <https://a.co/d/eyPd2UN>