



Are We 'On Fire' For the Lord?

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- Zeal is good only when informed by God's word and directed toward good
- Galatians 4:17-18
 - Bad – zeal of the Jewish teachers
 - Good – to be zealous in a good thing and not only when he was present
- Romans 10:1-3
 - The zeal of the Jews was misplaced because of ignorance
 - Zeal without knowledge is dangerous!
 - Knowledge without zeal is of no value!

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- Consider Paul as an Illustration
 - Before his conversion:
 - Zealous for God (Ac. 22:3-5)
 - Based on traditions, not knowledge (Gal. 1:14)
 - In ignorance, persecuted (1 Tim. 1:12-13; Phil. 3:2-6)
 - His conversion – these things loss for Christ (Phil. 3:7-14)

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Is directed toward God

(Rom. 12:9-13; Heb. 6:10-12; Eccl. 12:13-14)

Is expressed through good works

(Titus 2:11-14; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Gal. 4:18; Phil. 2:12-13)

Is strengthened through our relationships

(Col. 4:12-13; 2 Cor. 9:1-2; Phil. 3:6; Rom. 1:14-15)

Is the result of a genuine conversion

(Eph. 2:1-10; Gal. 2:20; Ac. 2:41-47; 2 Cor. 7:8-12)

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“For unto us a Child is born...the zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.” (Isa. 9:6-7)

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works” (Heb. 10:24)