



TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Hearts on Fire

Our "Burning Desire" to Please God

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THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- God's zealous people:
 - Don't want to be distracted from the mission
 - Want to stay away from darkness & test everything
 - Want to be in the Lord's presence
- Do these things describe you, or do you:
 - Have things distracting you in life?
 - Just assume what you are doing is pleasing to God?
 - Have things in your life that make you want the return of Christ & the judgment to be delayed?

MY NOTES:

Our Definition of Zeal:

Zeal is a burning desire to _____ . This burning desire is seen in our lives as we display courage, diligence, and wisdom in our love and service.

For our lesson today, I would like to begin working through this definition of zeal so we can see what our focus in life needs to be so we can fuel our fire and make it hotter for the Lord. If we desire to be zealous soldiers of Jesus Christ, it must begin with looking at our goal in life: to please God. We will consider three points:

I. _____ **Desire To Please God Without Distraction**

- A. "No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; he seeks to please the commanding officer" (2 Timothy 2:4).
- B. The mission of the soldier is their primary focus in life. If they are distracted while in battle, they could fall in battle.
- C. Does 2 Timothy 2:24 describe your life?

II. **Children of _____ Desire to Please God & Test Everything.**

- A. See Ephesians 5:6-11
- B. Zealous Christians do not want to be deceived or to do things that will diminish their zeal.
- C. We must test or discern what is (and is not) pleasing to God
 1. Acts 17:11 - The Bereans
- D. God's people do not _____ something is right or true or pleasing to God.

III. **God's People Desire to Please God Because They Desire To Be With Him**

- A. See 2 Corinthians 5:6-9
- B. If our earthly bodies are destroyed/killed, God promises us a resurrected body that is eternal
- C. He promises us His presence forever so we can enjoy Him!

Conclusion & Application:

- A. **Do you have a burning desire to please the Lord that is seen in these ways?**
- B. Can we help you be pleasing to the Lord?