



## TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

# Hearts on Fire

*Fueling Our Zeal With Wisdom*

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### Our Definition of Zeal:

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

Today we are going to begin showing how we can “add logs to our fire” so our zeal can continue to burn and even burn hotter. One of the things we desperately need to keep our zeal burning is wisdom and knowledge that comes from spending time in God’s word and from seeking wise counsel from more experienced and more mature Christians.

### I. Knowledge and Wisdom Will Keep You Zealous for the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Negative examples of zeal without godly knowledge and wisdom:
  - 1. Many Jews at the time of Jesus and Paul (Romans 10:2).
  - 2. Paul before becoming a Christian (Galatians 1:13-14; Philippians 3:5).
- B. The Jews, in their zeal, were attempting to gain righteousness through keeping the \_\_\_\_\_ instead of trying to attain God’s righteousness that comes by faith in Him.
- C. A good example of zeal being directed by a knowledge of God: Jesus
  - 1. See John 2:17
- D. Are we more zealous for our traditions than we are the word of God?

### II. Knowledge and Wisdom Will Keep You From \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Illustration: The zeal of new converts.
- B. A great example of someone whose zeal led them to do damage is King \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. He was certainly zealous (see 2 Kings 10:16-17).
  - 2. What he did in his zeal (see 2 Kings 10:13-15; 18-27)
    - a) Deception and murder
    - b) His zeal led him to go beyond the commandment of the LORD
  - 3. Jehu didn’t follow the LORD with all his heart (2 Kings 10:31).
  - 4. Judgment came upon Jehu’s house because of his sin (Hosea 1:4-5).
- C. Application: see Colossians 4:5-6.

### Conclusion & Application:

- A. Have you done things in your zeal that make you in need of God’s mercy?
- B. Do you need our help in seeking knowledge & wisdom?

### THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Is your zeal directed towards the right things? Are you more zealous for serving the Lord and His people or are you more zealous for:
  - Manmade traditions?
  - Seeking your own righteousness?
  - Worldly things, such as sports, school, family, etc.
- Does your zeal lead you to stand up for what is right or true? When God’s “house” is being profaned, are you filled with a burning desire to do something about it?
- When was the last time that you sought wisdom from an older, more mature Christian?
- Do you “walk with wisdom” towards outsiders? (Col 4:5-6)

### MY NOTES: